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## U.S. plans nuclear war, says Gromyko

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Friday accused the United States of planning for nuclear war with the "cold-blooded composure of grave diggers."  
 The Soviet foreign minister, in a speech to the 37th session of the U.N. General Assembly, characterized Washington as being obsessed with "the idea that it has to be number one militarily." He warned that "the Soviet Union does not recognize anyone's right to military superiority. And it will see to it that it does not happen."  
 Gromyko combined his harsh attack on U.S. defense policies with a proposal for a worldwide moratorium on all nuclear explosions, including peaceful ones, to impede the development of new weapons. Gromyko told the assembly such a moratorium should remain in effect until the conclusion of a Soviet-proposed international treaty completely banning nuclear weapons tests, even those underground.  
 The Soviet foreign minister also proposed that the assembly adopt a resolution that would call on all nuclear powers to freeze the production and deployment of nuclear weapons and would declare attacks on peaceful nuclear reactors to be "the gravest crime against humanity."  
 Addressing the delegates, Gromyko said: "Look at the baccanalia that is taking place in the Middle East, where a frantic search is under way for new clients to harness them to the Pentagon's military strategy." Gromyko asked rhetorically whether Israel could "commit aggression and perpetrate genocide" against the Palestinians without a strategic consensus with the United States. While the Israelis were rubbing their hands gleefully, he said, their aggression in Lebanon had already turned into a serious political and moral defeat. He said the Camp David accords were the root cause of the Lebanese tragedy and he rejected President Reagan's peace plan.  
 "Washington's recent statements, which it is serving as a Middle East settlement plan, confirm that they are still thinking there in terms of dictat and enmity with regard to the Arabs, rather than in terms of peace," Gromyko said. While most states agreed there could be no durable Middle East peace unless the question of an independent Palestinian state was resolved, he said.

## Kohl faces difficult task

BONN, Oct. 2 (R) — West Germany's new conservative chancellor, Helmut Kohl, faces a difficult task in forging his center-right coalition into a governing force and producing swift economic results.  
 Kohl, 52, was sworn in Friday as West Germany's first Christian Democratic (CDU) chancellor for 13 years after unseating Social Democrat (SPD) Helmut Schmidt in an historic vote in the Bundestag the lower house of parliament. He reaffirmed his pledge to call elections next March and promised action to boost the economy. The coalition's agreed program of welfare cuts and business incentives is expected to top the agenda when his new cabinet meets Monday.  
 Finance Minister-designate Gerhard Stoltenberg said in a radio interview Saturday he expected swift economic results. "If we act quickly and correctly, we can expect the first positive effects for growth and unemployment in the course of 1983 and this development could continue through 1984," he said. But the stock exchange and currency markets have reacted cautiously to Kohl's election, reflecting skepticism that his policies could have any impact on the economy by March.  
 Schmidt, in his closing speech, said he doubted Kohl would call elections in March for fear of defeat. He added that the new coalition's program amounted to a redistribution of wealth from the poor to the rich.  
 One of Kohl's most pressing tasks is to make his three-party coalition look united in the eyes of the electorate. There are already severe strains within the liberal Free Democrats (FDP), who deserted Schmidt's government two weeks ago in a move that basted his fall.

## Soviets show Chinese film

MOSCOW, Oct. 2 (R) — Soviet television Saturday night showed a Communist Chinese documentary film on China for the first time in more than 20 years in a fresh sign of Moscow's desire to improve relations with Peking.  
 The 10-minute color film on applied arts in China showed shots of Chinese craftsmen making earthenware teapots, working in Chinese inks, writing on scroll-paper and fashioning paper decorations.  
 The film was accompanied by a Russian-language dubbing of the original Chinese commentary. There was no separate Soviet commentary. It was the first such televised showing by Moscow of a propaganda-free film on China since a rift opened up between the two Communist giants two decades ago.  
 Western diplomats saw broadcasting of the film, which was scheduled and shown mid-evening at peak viewing time, as a further signal of Moscow's wish to mend fences with Peking. Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev indicated in a speech last Sunday that a normalization of relations with Peking had been set as a top priority goal for Moscow's foreign policy planners, describing it as "very important."  
 Diplomats, monitoring Moscow's overtures to Peking said further friendly gestures such as the showing of the film on China could be expected from the Soviet side in the coming weeks.

## Hotel flattened, 700 injured Tehran blast kills 60

LONDON, Oct. 2 (AP) — A huge bomb explosion ripped through the heart of Tehran, Iran, killing 60 persons and wounding 700 others, Tehran radio reported Saturday.  
 The bomb, hidden in a truck, went off Friday night in Imam Square, destroying a five-story hotel and three passing buses and heavily damaging seven other hotels and nearby stores and houses, according to the radio's broadcasts monitored here.  
 The radio said three of Tehran's hospitals "were filled with the wounded," and said 400 persons were treated at one hospital alone. 50 of them admitted for further treatment. A total of 700 were wounded, 300 of them seriously, the state radio said.  
 It said Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini had ordered an investigation of the bombing.  
 It said that in addition to destroying the hotel and three buses, the bomb severely damaged seven other hotels and nearby houses and shops. Most of the passengers aboard the three passing buses were killed or injured in the blast, the report said.  
 The other dead and injured who were caught by the blast were guests in nearby hotels or were in restaurants and cafes around Imam Square, formerly known as Sepah Square, it said. The radio blamed the explosion on "U.S. mercenaries."  
 The bomb, hidden in a truck parked outside the hotel in Naser-Khosrow Avenue, exploded at 2035 local time (1705 GMT), the radio said. The radio said the massive blast created a crater 2 meters deep and measuring 6 meters by 4 meters.

## Lebanon Army arrests, tortures Palestinians

BEIRUT, Oct. 2 (AP) — The Lebanese Army has arrested hundreds of Palestinians, searched homes and beaten prisoners this week in what refugees maintain is a campaign to intimidate them and force them out of the country. Palestinians and diplomatic sources said.  
 The diplomatic sources say 2,000 persons were arrested Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Beirut and all of those are still being held. They said those arrested include Palestinians, Lebanese nationalists and others. Many of the arrests were made in the Palestinian refugee camp of Bourg Barajneh, near the Shatila and Sabra camps where hundreds were massacred Sept. 16-18.  
 Refugees there say they are too frightened to sleep in their homes, and sleep on the roofs or in the alleyways to avoid the soldiers who search the camp each night. "My son tried to hide when he saw the army coming," said a woman who identified herself only as Hind. "After he went to hide, the soldier put a gun to my chest and said 'we'll shoot you and your children if you don't bring your son down.'" She said her husband got his son to come out of the house. They beat him a lot. There was blood coming down his nose. They shouted, "you Palestinians — nobody wants you." Hind said.  
 A woman named Deebe said her husband, who she said was a former commander in the Palestine Liberation Organization, was arrested when he went out to buy groceries Monday morning. She said he was beaten with an electric cord and the butts of rifles and taken off by the soldiers.  
 There has been no announcement of the arrests by military authorities, but Lebanese soldiers can be seen stopping people at checkpoints around the city and asking for identity cards. Some of the refugees in Bourg Barajneh camps said their husbands and sons were taken off even though their papers were in order. "We believe they are putting pressure on us to leave the country," said a man who identified himself as Ismail.  
 The refugees are frightened because they have no idea where their menfolk have been taken and when they will be released. One

## Killer bomb was U.S. - made

BEIRUT, Oct. 2 (AP) — The weapon that exploded and killed one Marine and injured three others at Beirut airport Thursday was made in the United States, a Defense Department spokesman said Saturday. Army Lt. Col. Lee Delorme said the explosion involved one part of an M-43 155 millimeter shell of U.S. origin. He said that type shell was sold to Israel. "It is the type of shell that President Reagan banned the sale of last July," he said.  
 U.S. President Ronald Reagan stopped the sale of so-called cluster bombs and cluster shells to Israel after Israeli armed forces used the anti-personnel munitions in civilian areas. Delorme explained that the 155 millimeter cluster shell contains 38 submunitions that explode individually. It was one of those submunitions that exploded Thursday at the southern end of Beirut International Airport, killing the Marine and wounding the three others, he said.  
 He said the men involved were part of a unit sweeping the area for unexploded shells but he was not certain exactly how the charge was set off. "All we know now is that they were in the process of removing it," he said. "Somehow they jarred it."  
 The Defense Department in Washington identified the dead Marine as Corporal David L. Reagan, 21, of Chesapeake, Virginia. The wounded were listed as Corporal Anthony D. Morgan, 21, of Macon, Georgia, who was wounded in the left arm. Lance Corporal George Washington, 19, of Egin, Illinois, wounded in the back, and Private First Class Leslie R. Morris, 19, of Pasadena, California.  
 The report did not specify where Morris was wounded, but said he was in a serious condition. However, military spokesman here have said the most seriously wounded Marine was injured in the groin.

## Argentina ends state of war with U.K.

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — Argentina said Saturday night that hostilities over the Falkland Islands had ended and that it would not take any action to alter the situation.  
 But the statement stopped short of meeting British demands, voiced most recently by Foreign Secretary Francis Pym on Wednesday, that Argentina formally declare the hostilities are over. "The hostilities in the area have ceased, de facto, as everyone knows, and it is not the intention of my government to take the initiative to change this situation," Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Ramon Aguirre Lanari told the General Assembly.  
 The two nations went into battle over the islands, seized by Argentina April 2 and recaptured by Britain in June. "The only proper path to peace was negotiations carried out in good faith between the two sides. Dr. Aguirre Lanari said.  
 Argentina was ready to enter talks on sovereignty over the islands at the behest of the General Assembly and with the assistance of the secretary general, he added.  
 Aguirre told the assembly that instead of a negotiated solution, Britain had "sought no other way out but military victory and preservation of a colonial redoubt." By stationing troops, planes and ships in the Falklands, Aguirre said, Britain had "introduced a source of permanent tension in the South Atlantic which the Argentine republic and Latin America cannot tolerate. It is, therefore, necessary to put an end to this situation."  
 Referring to the more than 600 Argentines lost in the 74-day undeclared war, Aguirre said, "our martyrs, sacrificed in the barren lands and ice-cold waters of the South Atlantic will be eternal witnesses to the indisputable Argentine sovereignty over the Malvinas (Falklands), whose defense will not permit pause or concessions." He labeled a "mockery" Britain's invocation of the right of self-determination for the 1,800 British-descended Falklanders, many of whom have been there for generations. Aguirre drew a parallel between them and Jewish settlers on the West Bank of the Jordan River, saying that Falklands had been "implanted by force" after Britain seized the islands.

## Of Arab League states Locked in combat, Iraq seeks help

MANAMA, Oct. 2 (AFP) — With its forces locked in combat with Iranian troops just 120 kilometers east of Baghdad, Iraq has appealed to its Arab allies for support.  
 Iraqi forces were Saturday continuing to battle Iranian troops who pierced the Iran-Iraq border and have carried the fighting close to the Iraqi capital for the first time in their two-year-old conflict. Official Iraqi communiques suggested that Iran had consolidated its forces in an advance one or two kilometers into Iraqi territory across a large section of the frontier.  
 In the face of the Iranian offensive, observers in the Gulf region said, Iraq has called on Arab countries to activate the Arab League's Mutual Defense Pact — reaffirmed during a recent summit in Morocco — and has stepped up its contacts with Jordan and North Yemen among other states.  
 Iraqi radio meanwhile pressed Arab countries to stand with Baghdad against what it called Iranian "aggression" while Iraqi diplomats requested the United Nations Security Council to discuss the renewed fighting Monday.  
 Only a vast plain separates the last ridge of hills surrounding the Iraqi town of Mandali, where the Iranian assault was reported to have begun early Friday, and the Baghdad region, 100 kilometers to the west.  
 Iraqi troops are believed to have concentrated one of their main lines of defense along the only natural obstacle, the Dajila River, a tributary of the Tigris, some 20 kilometers east of the capital. However, the configuration of the land between Mandali and the border would likely impose severe difficulties on Iranian troops advancing for a final assault on the capital.  
 The hills, furrowed by erosion, are located in a generally barren rocky region of Iraq and could be expected to impede the progress of armored vehicles. In an infantry attack, furthermore, every little hill or mound could become the object of combat.  
 This is the first time the Iraqis have attacked so far north along the battle front. The whole sector, from the Iranian town of Qasr-e-Shirin south to Mikfi in Iraq, has until now seen only sporadic artillery exchanges since last June when Iraqi troops withdrew from Iranian positions they had been occupying.

## Marines will stay -- Reagan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (R) — President Reagan said Friday the death of an American marine in Lebanon would not diminish the U.S. commitment to keep troops there on a peacekeeping assignment.  
 "It's a great tragedy," Reagan told reporters as he appeared outside the White House with visiting Panamanian President Ricardo De La Esprilla. "We're terribly sorry about it." When asked if the death would affect his commitment to keep marines in Lebanon until the Lebanese government believes it controls the situation, Reagan replied: "They'll stay."  
 The Marine was killed and three others were injured Thursday when a cluster bomb exploded while they were clearing the Beirut airport area of munitions. Some members of Congress cited the incident in arguing that Reagan should not have sent the 1,200 Marines to Lebanon without invoking the War Powers Act. The 1973 law was designed to limit a president's authority to commit troops to combat overseas.  
 Members including Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Charles Percy said the act should have been invoked because the Marines were sent into a "hostile" environment. Many members of Congress nevertheless supported Reagan's decision to provide U.S. military support for Lebanon in its efforts to extend its authority throughout the country.  
 Reagan said this week the Marines would remain until Israeli and Syrian troops were withdrawn from Lebanon. But officials said later the Marines might leave first although Reagan expected a quick withdrawal by the Syrians and Israelis. Secretary of State George Shultz met Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam in New York Thursday to discuss Lebanon.  
 A U.S. spokesman said later Khaddam reaffirmed Syria's willingness to pull its troops out of Lebanon, if Israel also withdrew.

## Habib confers with Syrian official

DAMASCUS, Oct. 2 (AP) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib conferred with Syrian acting Foreign Minister Farouk Al-Chare here Saturday as part of his efforts to arrange the withdrawal of all foreign troops from neighboring Lebanon.  
 Habib arrived here Friday from Beirut, following a swing through the Middle East that included visits to Saudi Arabia, Israel, Jordan and Egypt. Habib's meeting with Chare lasted two hours but both U.S. and Syrian officials declined to reveal any details on the outcome. Chare is representing Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, currently at the United Nations.  
 Western diplomatic sources that did not wish to be identified said Habib is waiting for an appointment to confer with Syrian President Hafez Assad and was not expected to leave Damascus, for as yet undetermined destination, before Sunday.

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## Indian orphans confirm life's valuable lessons

By Dave Kaiser  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 — Three important lessons were confirmed here by ten orphans from India who have been taught that they can always "stand on their own two feet as equals with any man," provide a service to



K. P. Hassan

their fellow men and perform the holiest rites of Islam — and all three lessons were learned at once according to K.P. Hassan, director of the J.D.T. Islamic Orphanage of Calicut, Kerala.

"Extensive training in the control of traffic and crowds at the Islamic Orphanage enabled the students to provide important assistance during the pilgrimage and help the many people there," Hassan explained. "At the same time they were able to complete the most important pillars of Islam and learn that, indeed, they are treated as equals with every man."

According to Hassan, this annual visit to the pilgrimage, sponsored by the Saudi Arabian government, is a very important event for his students, who have just reached maturity and have not yet had a chance to test their learning in the real world.

The Kingdom began sponsoring five orphans from the Islamic Orphanage who visited the pilgrimage in 1965 as boy scouts. Hassan became the organization's director in 1962 and was involved with scout organiza-

tions in India before that time. Hassan said that calling his students "orphans" is a misnomer that often includes a stigma which he tries to eliminate by teaching his wards that they are equal to every other man and that every person on this earth has a purpose to fulfill.

All students attending school at the Islamic Orphanage receive primary and secondary school training as well as three different types of technical training, in which they are expected to excel in one. Hassan indicated that his institute is one of the largest in India, with a total of 1,500 orphans living on the premises and an additional 1,200 day schoolers. Surprisingly, he said no one is ever turned away and every applicant who is a bona-fide orphan is offered housing, food and a general education.

The Islamic Orphanage has both boy and girl students and in addition to regular schooling and a moral and religious education, technical training is offered in carpentry, masonry, plumbing, electrical work, drafting, air conditioning, radio and television, printing, binding, composing, stenography, dress making and upholstery, to name only major areas.

"The main purpose is to teach every student to be able to stand on their own," Hassan said. "We know of more than 300 of our students who have graduated from the Islamic Orphanage and are now working in Saudi Arabia and doing exactly that."

The Islamic Orphanage has graduated more than 10,000 students during the last 60 years. The organization has its own 22 acre area surrounding its school and is basically self-sufficient with students making their own clothing, and learning basic trades which keep the institute going and teach them an avocation.

Hassan explained that the institute has always been self-sufficient and has never had to resort to canvassing techniques.



AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACT: Al-Zamil Refrigeration Industries (ARI) was recently awarded a SR700 million contract for the installation of 32,104 air conditioning units for Dumez at the National Guard enlisted men's housing complex near Riyadh. The contract was signed by, left to right, Jacques Chama, project manager, DUMI Z; Bob Curtis, Al-Zamil marketing manager; and Ahmed Al-Zamil, ARI managing director.

## Fifth motor show next month

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 — The Al-Harithy Company will organize its Fifth Motor Show at the Jeddah Expo Center from Nov. 28 to Dec. 5, 1982 to enable dealers and manufacturers to demonstrate the latest 1983 models and technology.

Saudi Arabia is witnessing an unprecedented demand for motor vehicles of every description, coupled with a parallel requirement for maintenance, servicing and spare parts. However, due to very keen competi-

## Talal chairs fund meet

ABU DHABI, Oct. 2 (WAM): The Arab Gulf program in support of U.N. organizations holds its sixth meeting at the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development on Oct. 5th.

The meeting will be chaired by Prince Talal al Saud, the program's director and attended by representatives from Saudi Arabia, the U.A.E., Bahrain, Iraq, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait.

## Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:10	12:11	11:42	11:29	11:53	12:22
Asr (Afternoon)	3:32	3:34	3:06	2:52	3:07	3:46
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:18	6:18	5:39	5:26	5:50	6:19
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## Saudi dock capacity doubled in four years

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 — The average daily capacity for each dock in Saudi Arabia has increased from 500 to 1,100 tons in four years, *Al-Nadwa* reported Saturday. From 1980, the General Ports Authority embarked on an ambitious port development program to cope with a real growth rate of the national economy of about 10 percent yearly for the past three years. Such a growth rate and related imports brought heavy pressure on the Kingdom's ports.

A total of SR23,781,000,000 are allocated for the Kingdom's maritime ports under the 1980-85 Third Five-Year Development Plan. The funds will be mainly used to boost the discharging and storage capacity, to continue to raise the manpower effectiveness and standard, to develop and equip containers handling stations, to reduce dependency on manpower in operating ports, to improve safety measures in all ports activities, to limit pollution, to raise the rate of Saudi Arabian manpower in administrative and supervisory jobs, to introduce informatics (computer) in ports work, and for other purposes.

The authority streamlined six additional docks since the start 1980 to bring the total number to 101 docks at the end of that year. The length of each of these docks was approx-

imately 21 kilometers. Jubail Industrial Port comprises nine other docks for bulk items. Its capacity reaches 11 million tons annually. Three of the docks are deep ones, for the export of petroleum derivatives and have a 500 million ton annual capacity. The docks handled one million tons of merchandise in 1980. The expansions will continue until mid-October this year to bring to 124 the total number of ports (23 more than by the end of 1980). Four additional docks will be in Jeddah, nine at Jubail Commercial Port and ten at Jizan Port.

## Yanbu shipment arrives in Italy

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 (SPA) — The first shipment of liquid gas produced by the natural gas complex at Yanbu, on the Red Sea coast, has found its way to the European market, Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) official said Saturday.

He said the shipment, consisting of 450 barrels of butane and 190 barrels of propane gas was exported to Italy. The shipment was loaded at piers, specially built at Yanbu port to export liquid gas.

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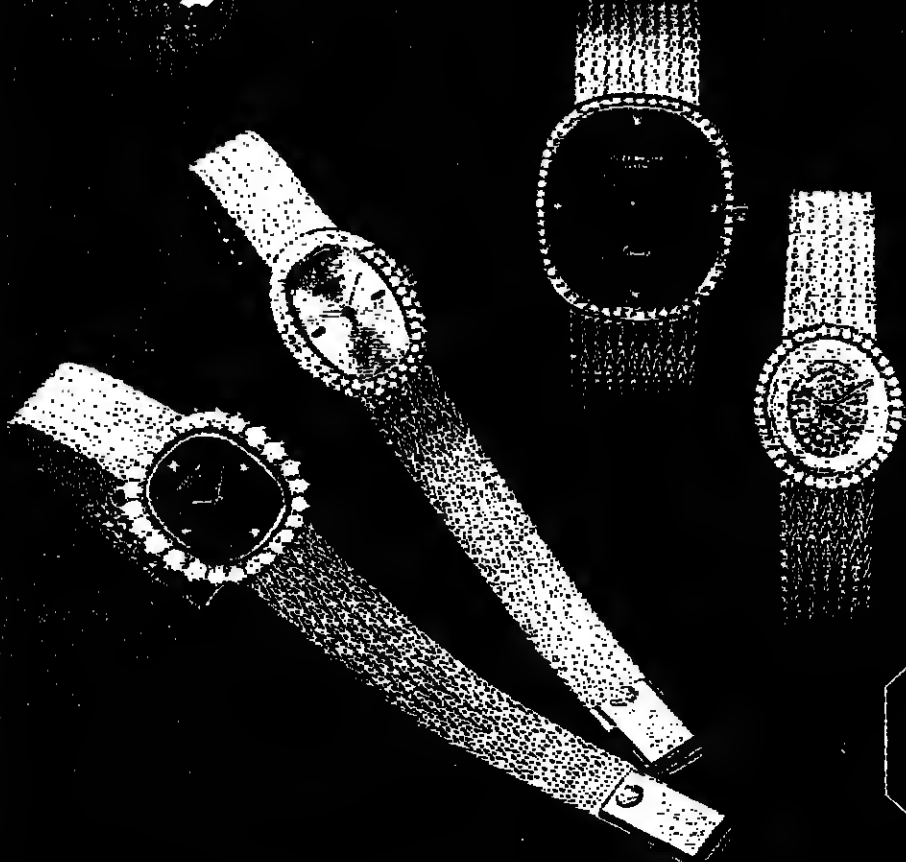
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# EEC's condition to expand mutual contacts

## PLO urged to pursue 'political course'

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 2 (AP) — The 10 nations of the European community have informed the Palestine Liberation Organization of their readiness to expand mutual contacts if the PLO pursued a "political course" and turned its back on violence.

Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, current president of the West European group, Friday told a news conference he had personally conveyed the ten's "political

signal" during a 45-minute meeting here with Fawuk Kaddumi, head of the PLO's Political Department.

Ellemann-Jensen stressed that expanded ties would not include the European community's recognition of the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. Such recognition, he explained, would be "contrary to the traditions of a democratic country" because the PLO was an organiza-

tion — not a state — and because the Palestinians had not expressed their preference by a vote.

"If the PLO shows willingness to pursue a political course ... the ten EEC members are prepared to expand their contacts with the PLO," Ellemann-Jensen said, reading from a prepared statement. "In this connection recourse to arms and violence and above all terrorism and retaliation must be excluded."

The Danish foreign minister added that "a significant political move on the side of the PLO would be a clearer and more explicit statement concerning Israel's right to existence and security."

The European community feels, he said, that "the mood of the world today is such that the Palestinian people may never get a better opportunity for being rewarded for a courageous gesture." In this regard Ellemann-Jensen cited U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Sept. 1 peace initiative and Secretary of State George Shultz's speech to the General Assembly on Thursday.

Reagan's peace plan provides for Palestinian autonomy in association with Jordan but not a separate Palestinian state. Shultz told the assembly that the Palestinian people have an "undeniable claim to a homeland."

At his news conference, the Danish foreign minister said, "It's now up to the PLO to make the next move." He said he would report the PLO position back to the other nine members of the European community. But he conceded it was "difficult to find anything new" in what Kaddumi had said during their meeting.

No follow-up meeting was scheduled immediately.

The Palestinian official told reporters he had asked the Western European countries to develop their ideas on Palestinian independence.

## Evren assails critics of draft constitution

31-RUHR, Turkey, Oct. 2 (AP) — Turkish Head of State Kenan Evren has attacked opponents of the draft constitution saying they had delayed it even before it had been prepared. The new constitution, which would install Gen. Evren as president for seven years, is to be put to a national referendum on Nov. 7.

But Evren told a large crowd in the southern town of Gaziantep Friday that the ruling National Security Council could still alter the draft.

The proposed constitution has been widely criticized by newspapers, former politicians, students and trade unionists, complaining that it diminishes the role of parliament and restricts political and other freedoms.

But Evren said the only public calls for "more" constitution were from "reactionary" elements and "communist" leaders. He said an enormous greeting card received by the people.

Meanwhile, Ankara martial law authorities have stepped up their efforts to suppress dissent. The head of the Republican Party, former Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit, in political exile, said a military prosecution said Friday there was no evidence.

But the Istanbul martial law prosecution is still investigating the RPP on similar grounds.

Investigation of the RPP began last March when members of the extreme right-wing National Movement Party, on trial for political offenses, accused the RPP of aiding and arming left-wing guerrillas before the armed forces seized power in a coup in September 1980.

## Ershad's India visit may boost ties

NEW DELHI, Oct. 2 (AP) — A state visit to India by Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman and Thursday by the Bangladeshi prime minister, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in August 1975. Tricky bilateral relations between the two South Asian neighbors have been strained since then.

Gen. Ershad will also play part in a ceremony marking the setting up of a joint Indo-Bangladesh commission co-chaired by the two foreign ministers, due to meet annually to resolve bilateral problems, including trade.

Gen. Ershad, president of India's National Defence Academy, is making his first visit to India since he moved to a bloodless coup last March. He will have talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Relations between the two countries have remained cool since the assassination of Bangladesh's first president, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in August 1975. Tricky bilateral problems which have cropped up since then remained unsolved despite protracted talks.

The two countries have a joint river waters commission but it deals only with the sharing of water in the rivers which run through both countries.

The unsolved problems between the two countries include the sharing of waters from the Farakka barrage built by India close to the northwestern border of Bangladesh on the Ganges. The question of sovereignty of the tiny new mire island in the Bay of Bengal and the demarcation of the maritime boundary.

## Gen. Ershad's 'assassin' identified

BEIRUT, Oct. 2 (AP) — The man charged with the assassination of Gen. Ershad, a Bangladeshi leader, belongs to a prominent family in Bangladesh, a local newspaper reported Friday. The Voice of Lebanon, a Beirut-based newspaper, reported that the Bangladeshi leader's assassination was planned by a group of Bangladeshi exiles in Lebanon.

Ershad was shot dead in a hotel in Beirut last week. The Bangladeshi leader was a member of the Bangladeshi National Party (BNP), one of the 13 left-wing groups that made up a coalition known as the National Movement.

The National Movement was allied with the Palestine Liberation Organization, and its militants fought alongside Palestinian commandos against their arch foes, the Christian Phalangists, in the 1975-76 civil war.

The Voice of Lebanon claimed Shartouni was in permanent contact with the PLO's intelligence apparatus and had formerly worked for Syrian intelligence. It said Shartouni was also connected with "international terrorist organizations" which it did not name.

### BRIEFS


NAIROBI (R) — Algeria has called for Israeli expulsion from the International Telephone Union (ITU), the 177-nation telecommunications organization.

CAIRO (AP) — French Agriculture Minister Edith Cresson arrived here Saturday for a four-day visit to Egypt and talks with her Egyptian counterpart Youssef Wali.

PARIS (R) — Iranian revolutionary guards killed 31 villagers for sympathizing with the outlawed Mujahideen movement, the Mujahideen's Paris bureau has said.

GENEVA (R) — The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Poul Hartling, has announced extra assistance of \$2 million to Lebanese war victims.

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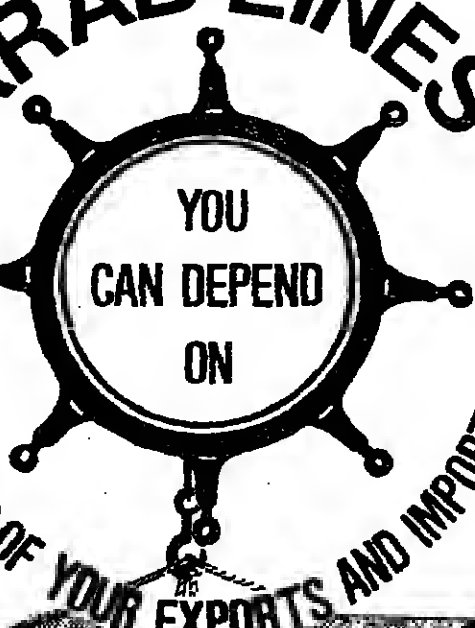
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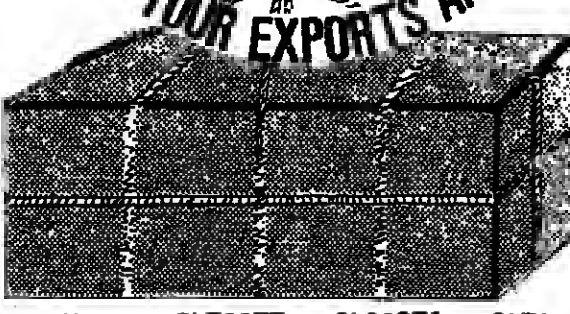
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## Indians offered latest MiG-27

NEW DELHI, Oct. 2 (APF) — The Soviet Union is understood to have offered India the MiG-27, the most sophisticated fighter-interceptor of the series, to help its air defense modernization program, PTI news agency reported Saturday.

India would also be given the technical know-how to manufacture the aircraft under license from the Soviet Union, the agency said. Quoting defense sources, the agency said the MiG-27 would gradually replace the MiG-21, which currently constituted the attack and defensive arm of the Indian Air Force, along with the MiG-23 and the Anglo-French deep penetration strike aircraft, Jaguar.

The Indian Defense Ministry announced Friday that the first of the Indian-assembled Jaguars had just joined the air force, while two more were receiving finishing touches.

The report of the Soviet offer of the MiG-27 comes a few days before the scheduled arrival here of French Defense Minister Charles Hernu, who is expected to finalize an agreement with India for the sale of the French fighter-interceptor Mirage-2000.

Indian Defense Minister R. Venkataraman told Parliament in April that India had already signed an "intention to proceed" agreement with France to buy and also to manufacture locally the Mirage-2000.

PTI recalled that apart from the MiG-21, the Indian Air Force also possessed the fighter-interceptor MiG-23 and the high altitude reconnaissance MiG-25.

Soviet experts who visited the Indian defense aircraft manufacturing unit Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, in south India, were convinced that India could manufacture a sophisticated interceptor like the MiG-27.

### Clue eludes French probe

PARIS, Oct. 2 (AP) — A government commission of inquiry into the French highway chain collision in which 46 children and 7 adults were burned to death reported Friday there was no clear cause for the accident.

But an investigating magistrate said the drivers of the vehicles involved were not driving cautiously enough for the conditions. The official report, turned over to Transport Minister Charles Flerman by commission president Rene Vaquer, was critical of the poor fire resistance of the three buses and seven cars involved.

## El Salvador hit more by floods than Guerrillas

SAN SALVADOR, Oct. 2 (AP) — Massive flooding and landslides here have dealt this country the kind of crippling economic blow that guerrillas have been trying to deliver since their insurrection started.

"Floods have done more to us than the guerrillas did in two years," Interior Minister Manuel Isidro Lopez Sermeno said of the worst natural disaster here since a 1965 earthquake.

Nearly two weeks after the floods started, reports of death and ruin still filter into the capital from remote rural areas. At least 700 are known dead, and hundreds more are listed as missing. "You know very well that they are dead," said Lopez Sermeno, who heads the government relief effort.

The latest government figures also showed 18,000 injured, 55,000 homeless, 25,000 evacuated or rescued and 13,500 homes destroyed or more than 50 percent damaged.

The flooding and mudslides came during five days of torrential rains that ended Sept. 21. Neighboring Guatemala also was hit hard

by the storm, with the death toll at 615 persons and hundreds more missing.

Crop loss so far in El Salvador has been put at about \$200 million with staple crops such as corn, beans and rice the hardest hit.

Some villages have been virtually swept away, and Lopez Sermeno said the government is encouraging people to rebuild where they live to avoid further disruption of family and community life already twisted by a civil war that has taken an estimated 38,000 lives in three years.

The guerrillas have been trying to bring down the economy by burning crops, destroying buses and public transportation and blowing up roads and bridges. The acknowledged strategy of the guerrillas has been to bring the government to its knees economically, if not militarily or if they cannot force the government to the negotiating table.

The left had a timely ally in the flood, although guerrilla activity seems to have slowed slightly since the heavy rains started. In the San Salvador suburb of Montebello,

where more than 200 bodies have been recovered so far, survivors still pick slowly through the mud and rubble for clothing or anything else that can be salvaged.

A wall of mud tore through parts of the suburb of working-class families early Sunday morning, Sept. 19, burying some homes under as much as 8 meters of mud and killing entire families.

The smell of decaying bodies is still in the air in Montebello and soldiers who guard the area against looters wear surgical masks over their noses and mouths.

"We stopped the official (body) recovery effort there on Monday," Lopez Sermeno said. "Health officials said there was too much decay and danger of epidemics, so we're leaving (the victims) where they are buried."

The losses in basic grains means more of El Salvador's scarce dollar reserves will have to go to food imports. Losses from export crops such as sugar, cotton and coffee mean there will be fewer dollars coming in.

### By U.S., Panama leaders

## Cuban meddling discussed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan and his Panama counterpart Arias de la Esparriella met Friday and discussed their shared concerns over Soviet-Cuban involvement in Central America.

A senior U.S. official, who asked not to be identified, welcomed the "new direction" in Panamanian policy toward Central America. The official said the talks were held in an "unusually warm atmosphere" and added that Reagan told De la Esparriella he was looking forward to a close working relationship.

De la Esparriella became president last July after his predecessor, Aristides Royo, resigned, citing health reasons. Royo, however, is widely perceived to have been forced out by Brig. Gen. Ruben Dario Paredes, the National Guard commander who is generally regarded as Panama's most powerful political figure.

Another likely topic at the meeting was the Panama Canal treaties. The treaties went into effect three years ago Friday after a protracted struggle in which the private citizen Reagan and his conservative allies narrowly lost their campaign against the pact.

As a presidential candidate, Reagan strongly opposed the treaties that require the United States to turn over the canal to

Panama in the year 2000.

A major concern of the two countries now is the continuing political turmoil in Central America. Panama generally had maintained a low profile on the situation until last week when Paredes met in Panama with several representatives of Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Echoing the U.S. views, Paredes told an interviewer over the weekend Panama believes the peoples of Central America "should decide at the polls what they want." This was the message we sent to Castro.

Panama is concerned the United States might renege on its treaty commitment on the canal if political instability continues to spread in the region. "We want the social peace that we need so that in the year 2000... the Americans won't have any excuse for remaining a single day, a single hour beyond that established in the treaty," Paredes said in the interview.

During a visit to Costa Rica earlier this week, De la Esparriella sided with the American position when he criticized the arms buildup in Nicaragua. "I believe that Nicaragua is armed, and is arming itself, more than is necessary to maintain internal order," De la Esparriella said. "As a result of this, the other countries in the area worry and may try to do the same thing."

## Japan urges U.N. reserve force for peacekeeping

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 2 (AP) — Japan proposed Friday that the United Nations strengthen its peacekeeping role by organizing a ready reserve for quick deployment in areas of conflict.

Addressing the 37th session of the U.N. General Assembly, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakurachi said that, in view of heightened world tensions, "it is necessary to re-examine the peacekeeping operations with a view to enabling them to be deployed with sufficient speed and efficiency."

Sakurachi noted that U.N. peacekeeping forces now "have to be set up each time a conflict occurs." To speed up the process, he suggested "a system of prior registration and organization of the personnel, equipment and materials which member states are ready to contribute to future operations; the holding by the United Nations of study and training exercises relating to peacekeeping operations."

Such a system, he noted, would require "effective financial backing" by the 157 U.N. member states.

While Japan has not contributed troops to U.N. peacekeeping and truce observation missions over the last 30 years, the foreign minister said it was ready to provide civilian personnel to the proposed U.N. transition group that is to supervise the independence process in Southwest Africa once an agreement is worked out with South Africa. The transition group is to include 7,500 peacekeepers.

Sakurachi also proposed that the U.N. secretary-general receive added authority to mediate international disputes. The Japanese foreign minister criticized Soviet forces on the islands off Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido.

"Measures such as these in no way foster relations of trust between states," Sakurachi said, and reiterated Japan's demand for the return of the islands seized at the end of World War II.

"It is due to this problem that our two countries have not yet concluded a peace treaty," he noted. Japan, he said, "strongly urges the Soviet Union to rectify this situation promptly."

## Guyana seeks aid in border dispute

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Oct. 2 (AP) — Guyanese President Forbes Burnham said Friday that if Cuba "is prepared to help" his country to its border dispute with Venezuela, "we would accept."

However, the leftist leader of the small South American nation, who said he would welcome military assistance from any country, pointed out that Cuba has not yet given or even offered such aid.

Burnham was in Brazil to get support from President Joao Figueiredo for Guyana's cause. But he said he did not expect military aid from this country.

Guyana is "trying to buy arms," the president said, but so far only Great Britain has been willing to sell. However, the Guyanese leader denied rumors of British direct military assistance in the event of a conflict with Venezuela.

Venezuela claims the Essequibo territory, which makes up almost a two-thirds of Guyana, a now-independent former British colony of 10 million on the northeastern coast of South America.

A 12-year cooling-off agreement regarding the border dispute expired this year, and Venezuela refused to renew it. Venezuela, which is negotiating for sophisticated F-16 jet fighters from the United States, claims it will settle the question peacefully.

## BRIEFS

LONDON (AFP) — At least 40 persons were injured early Saturday when a bus crashed into two horses outside the Scottish town of Lanark, 40 kilometers south of Glasgow, and careered into a ravine, police said. The passengers, on a London-Glasgow shuttle, were taken to hospital but most were only slightly hurt.

COMO, Italy (AFP) — An 18-year-old English girl, victim of one of the longest kidnappings in Italy, has been released and reunited with her parents, police said Friday in this north Italian town. It was not known if Gaby Maerth's father — businessman Oscar Maerth who had large holdings in Hong Kong and South America, has paid any ransom. Police found the girl, who was abducted near this resort area on May 6, in a car in Costamasnaga, in the Como region.

BANGKOK (AFP) — Eleven Amerasian (American Asian) children and their Vietnamese guardians, mothers or grandmothers, left this Thai capital Saturday for a new life in the United States, after arriving from Ho Chi Minh City on Thursday, U.S. Embassy officials said. The seven girls and four boys, aged between seven and 16, were flying to Los Angeles and thence to homes in several U.S. states — ten to live with their fathers and the 11th to the grandparents' home. Officials said three of the fathers had been servicemen in Vietnam during the Vietnamese War, and the others civilians working in Vietnam.

KAMPALA (AFP) — Ugandan President Milton Obote will return here next Thursday from an unannounced three-week visit to Italy during which he had a leg operation, his deputy, Vice president Paulo Muwanga, said Friday.



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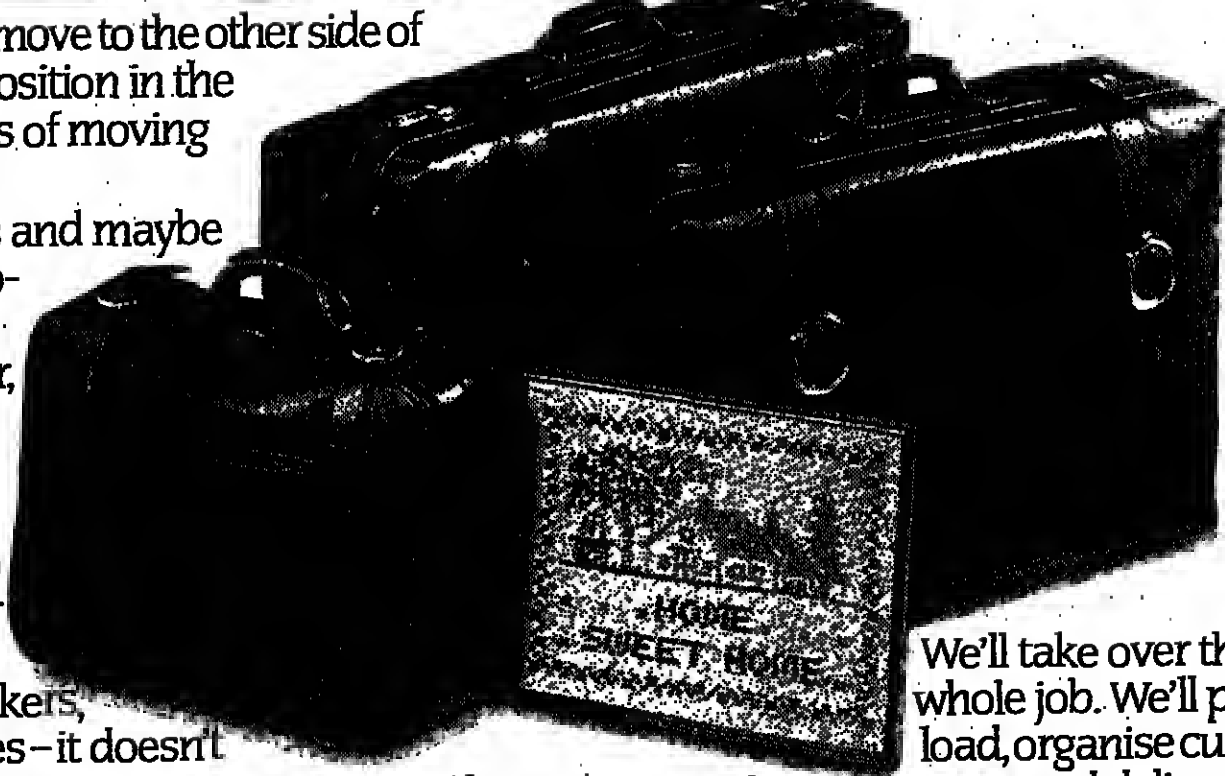
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## With Tracey Wickham paving the way

# Gold thirsty Australians going great guns

By John Crasto  
Special to Arab News

BRISBANE, Oct. 2 — Go, go for gold is Australia's slogan. And they are just grabbing. Nine gold medals is a lot of precious metal by any standards. That's what they achieved Saturday in the Commonwealth Games.

But England also came up with a tremendous fightback. From just two Friday they had eight in the kitty at the end of the day.

It certainly is going to be an interesting tussle for the top medal winner in the Games. England's Dean Willey was Saturday's sensation. The 20-year-old Yorkshireman splashed all the records in the 60 kilograms weightlifting event to the winds. He beat the snatch record with a lift of 120 kgs, just about made the clean and jerk with a fantastic lift of 148 kgs and arrived at a record for the overall total of course. That was the achievement of the day.

Australia continued to dominate these Games. They took their tally of golds from five on the first day to eight on the second. England were running a close second with six golds and Canada two.

The Australian swimmers made a big splash again. Tracey Wickham, the darling of the Australian crowd, won her 800 meters freestyle as expected to tremendous roars. Her time of 8 minutes, 29.5 seconds was far behind her best of 8:24.62. But Lisa Curry, who had tears in her eyes when she went to receive her gold medal, had a tough race beating Canada's Cheryl Gibson in a time of two minutes, 16.94 seconds for a new Commonwealth record. Tracey Wickham of course had little competition, Michelle Ford, her teammate, finishing 2.69 seconds behind.

Canada have not been having it good here. Alex Baumann swam away from the field to win the 400 meters medley after Annie

Ottensbrite had won the first gold medal for her country in the 200 meters breaststroke. This was some consolation for the Canadians, who were expected to give the Australians the biggest challenge.

The Australians almost added one more to their gold tally, but only shock awaited them after the cheers and ripples had died away at the Chandler sports complex. Their women's 4 X 100 meters freestyle relay quarter had

Medals tally				
	G	S	B	T
Australia	9	6	6	21
England	6	5	4	15
Canada	2	4	3	9
Scotland	1	2	1	4
New Zealand	1	1	3	5
Wales	1	1	3	5
India	0	3	1	4
Nigeria	—	—	2	2
N. Ireland	—	—	1	1
Singapore	—	—	1	1

beaten back a determined Canadian four-some in an exciting race. But poolside judges disqualified both, Australia and Canada, for bad changeover and England, who had finished a poor third, swam away with the gold.

Many factors go to win a medal. That was what Sharad Chauhan and Major R.K. Vij learnt Saturday. They were in the saddle for either a gold or a silver in the rapid fire pistol event. But then came the unexpected. Chauhan drew a blank on one shot and that spelt curtains for any hopes of the gold.

Major Vij's 577 was a superb performance as was that of Chauhan who aggregated 574. The ten points lost on Chauhan saw them aggregate 1151 points. One less than Scotland. Australia's pair of Alexander Taransky and Peter Heuke won the gold medal with an aggregate of 1160 points.

That was the first medal India won. Even a bronze matters especially when you know that

you could have won the gold too. And then again came a silver from the weightlifters. They probably like that color and metal because that was the third one from the lifters. This time it was Tamil Selvan who did the trick for India. His performance read 111.5 - 132.5 - 243 which was 23 kilograms behind the gold medal winner, Dean Willey from England.

Indian boxer Manoharan lost the verdict to David Ogola from Kenya Friday night. The boxing camp was a bit ruffled as the quality content of boxers is extremely high. That's why Marian Xavier's performance in the featherweight class came as a refresher and raised sagging hopes considerably.

It was not the victory, but the way the fight was won. Xavier boxed as he has been trained. He used his punches judiciously in the opening round to read his opponent. But once he knew what he was confronting he unleashed a barrage of punches both vicious and with timing. He hammered the Northern Ireland pugilist. Gary Duff who has come here with a big reputation, to such an extent there was no doubt about the outcome.

The badminton crowd won their matches, but the victories mattered little for India. They had shut their bolt and put themselves out of the team event when they lost to Australia by a humiliating 4-1 defeat. Australia, however, made sure of a place in the semifinals. It was close against Scotland. But when Mike Scandolera and Audrey Swaby won their mixed doubles clash it underlined the underlying spirit of these Games Australians.

They never give up, they won 3-2. England will go along with them into the semifinals as they clinched all their matches so far and bid fair to retain the title they won at Edmonton. And from the showing of Canada, who beat both

## Ipswich inflicts first defeat on Liverpool

LONDON, Oct. 2 (R) — Liverpool, English soccer's late goal specialists, were indebted to a last-minute goal in Birmingham's clash with Watford Saturday for keeping them ahead of the pack in the First Division.

The goal by substitute Kevin Summerfield denied Watford a 1-0 win which, with Liverpool losing 1-0 at Ipswich, would have taken them to the top. Luther Blissett, scorer of four goals in Watford's eight-goal rout of Sunderland last week, had given his side a good start by heading home a 10th minute corner — his ninth goal of the season.

Ipswich can afford to feel smug about beating Liverpool, who narrowly pipped them for the title last season. They went into the match without internationals Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil and lost another of their top players, Dutchman Frans Thijssen, at halftime. But they swept to victory with an 80th minute goal by Mick D'Avary. This was the first defeat in the league for Liverpool in this season.

None of the top three clubs, before the start of Saturday's match managed a win. Manchester United, second behind Liverpool, were held to a 1-1 draw by free-scoring Luton. Ashley Grimes gave United an 11th minute lead but a diving header by England's latest recruit, Ricky Hill, earned the Second Division champions a share of the spoils.

Liverpool lead the table with 17 points on goal difference from United. Both Watford and West Ham, 3-2 away winners over London rivals Arsenal, have 16 points.

West Ham's victory, which brought their tally to 14 goals in four successive league wins, completed a nightmare week for Arsenal. They were unceremoniously dum-

## Colombia not likely to host World Cup

BOGOTA, Oct. 2 (R) — Colombia will not host the 1986 World Soccer Cup finals, a Bogota newspaper said Friday.

Quoting official sources, the daily *El Espectador* said the government-appointed commission set up to investigate the feasibility of the country staging the tournament will recommend that Colombia tells the International Football Federation (FIFA) that it is "in no condition" to stage the month-long finals.

Colombian Education Minister Jaime Arias, who set up the commission, declined to confirm or deny the report. He told reporters his findings would be made public by President Belisario Betancur at the end of the month.

A growing number of Colombian politicians are opposing the staging of the tournament here, arguing that the money spent on the venture could be channelled into public and social works.

The newspaper quoted its sources as saying Colombia was unable to meet the requirements set by FIFA on stadium, hotel capacity and communication facilities between the various host cities. President Betancur recently said he would not oppose Colombia hosting the tournament as long as it did not cost the government a single dollar.

## Snipes-Berwick bout

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey Oct. 2 (AP) — Renaldo Snipes is aiming for his first victory in 14 months Saturday night when he meets Trevor Berwick in a 10-round heavyweight bout.

Berwick, a 29-year-old native of Jamaica, is the only heavyweight challenger to go the distance in a title fight with Larry Holmes. Snipes owns an impressive 22-2-1 record, but he has lately fallen on hard times.

In March, the 26-year-old American fought to a draw against unrated Scott Frank. On June 5, he dropped a 10-round decision to Tim Witherspoon.

Berwick, meanwhile, is on the upturn. He lost a 15-round decision to Holmes before scoring a victory over Muhammad Ali in the Bahamas last December. Six months later, Berwick ended Greg Page's unbeaten record with a 10-round decision.

Berwick, ranked second by the World Boxing Association and third by the World Boxing Council, has compiled a 21-2-1 record that includes 17 knockouts.

ped out of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup when they lost 5-2 at home to Spartak Moscow Wednesday.

A modest 29 goals were scored in today's 11 First Division games compared with 50 last week. But there was no shortage in the Second Division where former England skipper Kevin Keegan caught the eye with four in Newcastle's 5-1 romp at Rotherham.

European champions Aston Villa's successful league run was checked at the Hawthorns by West Bromwich, who sneaked home with a 68th minute Nicky Cross goal. The win took West Bromwich into fifth place a point behind West Ham and Watford.

Despite their late equalizer against Watford, Birmingham slid to the foot of the table. They have five points, one fewer than Norwich, who fell victim to a Sunderland side determined to wipe out the memory of last Saturday's mauling by Watford. Sunderland won 4-1, two of their goals coming from Gary

Rowell. Southampton, who were bundled out of the UEFA Cup by Norrköping of Sweden earlier this week, put some of their troubles behind them to register a badly needed win over Notts County. On-loan striker Justin Fashanu scored the only goal in the 57th minute.

In Scotland, Premier League champions Celtic looked set to continue their winning league run at the expense of Dundee United. The Glasgow side, fresh from their European Cup win over Ajax of Amsterdam on Wednesday, stormed ahead with goals by Paul McStay and Roy Aitken.

But United, also in buoyant mood after knocking Dutch side Eindhoven out of the UEFA Cup, shook the champions with a stirring late rally. Davie Dodds pulled back a goal and, as Celtic hung on grimly, Ralph Milne snatched a late equalizer.

## English soccer results

English Division One			
Arsenal	2	West Ham	3
Birmingham	1	Watford	1
Everton	2	Brighton	2
Ipswich	1	Liverpool	0
Luton	1	Man. United	1
Man. City	3	Coventry	2
Nottingham Forest	1	Stoke	0
Southampton	1	Notts County	0
Sunderland	4	Norwich	1
Swansea	2	Tottenham	0
West Bromwich	1	Aston Villa	0
Division Two			
Barnsley	4	Fulham	3
Blackburn	2	Sheffield	
		Wednesday	3
Bolton	1	Crystal Palace	0
Carlisle	0	Wolverhampton	2
Charlton	1	Derby	1
Chelsea	5	Grimsby	2
Leeds	2	Cambridge	1

English Division Two			
Middlesbrough	1	Oldham	1
Q.P. Rangers	3	Burnley	2
Rotherham	1	Newcastle	5
Shrewsbury	0	Leicester	2
Division Three			
Bristol Rovers	4	Bradford	1
Exeter	2	Chesterfield	3
Millwall	3	Huddersfield	0
Newport	1	Lincoln	0
Orient	1	Doncaster	0
Oxford	0	Cardiff	3
Reading	2	Preston	3
Sheffield United	0	Gillingham	2
Walsall	2	Brentford	1
Wigan	3	Plymouth	0
Wrexham	1	Bournemouth	0
Division Four			
Blackpool	3	Darlington	0
Hereford	0	York	0
Hull	0	Swindon	0



Qadir...strikes it rich

## Abdul Qadir spins Pakistan into a commanding position

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Oct. 2 (AP) — The Australian batting collapsed dramatically Saturday on the third day of the second Cricket Test against Pakistan.

On the bald Iqbal Stadium strip, the Australian batsmen floundered against the accuracy and sheer pace of Imran Khan, and the artful spin of Abdul Qadir to struggle to 141 for eight at the close in reply to Pakistan's 501 for six declared.

Australia's opening batsmen Graeme Wood and Bruce Laird started the innings well after the home team skipper Imran Khan declared his team's first innings closed at the previous day's total of 501 for six. The two batsmen played with caution as Australia needed 302 runs to avoid a follow-on. And in the first 70 minutes, both of them scored only 20 runs.

Lendl appeared awesome at times as he out-paced Mayotte 10-6. But Mayotte, ranked 26th, contributed to his own downfall by committing six double-faults, two of them coming on the last two points of the match. Shlomo Glickstein also qualified for the semifinals beating No. 8 seed Jose Higueras of Spain 7-6, (7-5), 7-5. He now meets the winner of the Jimmy Connors-Harold Solomon match.

Meanwhile, second-seeded Brian Teacher and No. 4 seed Vince Van Patten worked out come-from-behind wins to move into the semifinals of the \$100,000 Maui Pro Tennis Classic in Wailea, Hawaii.

Teacher beat Trey Waltke 6-7, 6-2, 6-1 and Van Patten downed Mike Cahill 1-6, 7-6, 6-0. In the other two quarterfinals, onseeded Brad Gilbert defeated Andrew Paterson of South Africa, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, while Australian John Fitzgerald upset No. 8 seed Jeff Borowick, 6-4, 6-0.

In Philadelphia, top-seeded Tracy Austin ousted 16-year-old Camille Benjamin 6-1, 6-4 to reach the semifinal of the \$125,000 U.S. Women's (indoor) Tennis Championships.

Earlier, Wendy Turnbull of Australia stopped Wendy White 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

New Zealand and Hong Kong in Group Two it is highly probable that Canada will once again challenge England for the gold medal in the team event.

India beat Kenya 5-11 and then beat Northern Ireland by 3-2. Like India, Malaysia are facing a similar predicament. They lost to New Zealand and Hong Kong.

One expected more from India's badminton players because they have had a lot of international experience. The players of Canada and Australia have not hit the limelight on the international field. But the badminton players were no better than the swimmers who finished in average place of the 16th in the heats. Geeta Anand was 16th in the 200 meters breaststroke, Persis Madon 15th in the 200 meters individual medley, Khajay Singh 13th in the 400 meters individual medley, Sanjeev Chakravarty 20th in the 200 meters freestyle and Wilson Cherian 16th in the 200 meters backstroke.

## Results of finals

Swimming	
Men	
200m freestyle:	1. Andy Astbury (England), 2. Peter Schmidt (Canada), 3. Ronald McKeon (Australia), 4. Alex Baumann (Canada), 5. Graeme Brewer (Australia). Time: 1:51.52 (Commonwealth record).
400m individual medley:	Alex Baumann (Canada), 2. Stephen Foulter (England), 3. John Davey (England), 4. Cameron Reid (Canada), 5. Peter Dobson (Canada). Time: 4:23.33 (Commonwealth record).
Women	
200m breaststroke:	1. Anne Ottensbrite (Canada), 2. Kathy Bald (Canada), 3. Katherine Richardson (Canada), 4. Susanah Brownson (England), 5. Gaynor Stanley (England). Time: 2:32.07 (Commonwealth record).



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3	Stockport	3
4	Bury	0
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6	Hartlepool	2
7	Wimbledon	2
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2	Morton	2
3	Dundee	1
4	Kilmarnock	2
Division One		
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2	Clydebank	3
3	Dumfries	4
4	Partick	2
5	Albion	2
6	Falkirk	0
7	St. Johnstone	0

## England keeps stronghold in boxing



OVER THE STICKS: England's world decathlon record holder Daryl Thompson, who is out to improve his feat at the Commonwealth Games, is seen sweating it out at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Brisbane.

BRISBANE, Oct. 2 (AFP) — England maintained their 100 percent record on the second day of the Commonwealth Games Boxing tournament here Saturday — but it was the skills of the Africans and Pacific islanders that caught the imagination.

England's Jamaican-born lightweight welterweight Clyde McIntosh followed featherweight Peter Hanlon and bantamweight Ray Gibbby into the quarterfinals — just one bout away from winning at least a bronze medal.

McIntosh, who gave Tony Adams, Britain's newest professional hope, such a punishing time in the ABA (Amateur Boxing Association) finals, gave an accomplished performance against Eddie Ndlovu of Zimbabwe. The Coventry boxer finished clearly on top, with Ndlovu, a Bulawayo storeman, a brave but bloodied loser.

The judges, however, were split in their decision, something coach Kevin Hickey found amusing. "There are obviously a few wrinkles that need ironing out," he commented.

McIntosh now fights Faou Wong King, a man from the Pacific whose intentions are hardly that. The western Samo boxer knocked out Sandile Shongwe of Swaziland in the second round of his bout for his second win in straight days. The odd number of entries and the hazards of the draw meant he had to fight a preliminary bout Friday.

George Mason, a carpenter's mate from the Yukon, gained a majority decision over 19-year-old Scottish lightweight Alistair Laurie. The Selkirk textile worker was unable to handle the bustling Canadian but there was little in it and the crowd boomed the decision.

## Royals' hopes flicker as Angels take wings

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (AP) — California's Geoff Zahn tossed a five-hitter and Fred Lynn homered, doubled and singled as the Angels clinched at least a tie for the American League West crown with a 4-0 victory over the Texas Rangers Friday night.

The triumph kept the Angels two games in front of Kansas City heading into the final two games of the regular season. The Royals ripped Oakland 12-7 Friday night to stay mathematically alive in the division race.

Meanwhile, the Baltimore Orioles pounded Milwaukee 8-3 and 7-1 in a two-night doubleheader sweep and pulled to within one game of the Brewers in the AL East with two games remaining in the regular season.

In key National League action, Phil Niekro hurled a three-hit shutout and clouted a two-run homer to give the West-leading Braves a 4-0 win over the San Diego Padres. The victory enabled the Braves to protect their one-game lead with two games remaining.

The Los Angeles Dodgers kept pace with the Braves with a 4-0 victory over San Francisco behind Jerry Reuss's three-hitter. The Giants dropped out of a second-place tie with the Dodgers into third, two games in back of the Braves.

Joe Nolan and Rich Dauer rapped three hits apiece and Ken Singleton added a solo homer to Baltimore's 15-hit attack as the Orioles defeated the Brewers in the first game.

Eddie Murray, Lenn Sakata, John Shelby and Cal Ripken Jr. hit homers as the Orioles completed their sweep in the second game. Ripken's blow, his 28th, broke the club record for rookies set by Murray in 1977.

Hal McRae hit a two-run homer and a bases-loaded triple to power Kansas City past Oakland as the Royals fought off elimination in the West race.

In other American League games, Gary Gaetti hit a two-run double as Minnesota whipped Chicago 3-2 behind Bobby Castillo's strong pitching.

Dave Stieb recorded an AL-leading fifth shutout, pitching a four-hitter, and Jesse Barfield cracked his third home run in the last five games to lead Toronto to a 2-0 victory over Seattle.

Carmelo Castillo homered with one out in the ninth to snap a 2-2 tie and lead Cleveland over Detroit 3-2 in the first game of their doubleheader. Alan Trammell drove in two runs and Rich Leach scored two to lead Detroit's 4-2 win in the nightcap.

Dave Stapleton tripled home the go-ahead run and later scored in the 12th inning to

## Floyd, Rogers fail to qualify

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 2 (AP) — Jay Haas, who hasn't made a bogey in the tournament, shot a 3-under-par 67 and retained a one-stroke lead Friday in the second round of the \$250,000 Texas Open.

PGA title-holder Ray Floyd, defending champion Bill Rogers, Lanny Wadkins and Jerry Pate missed the cut for the final two rounds. Floyd was 71-144, Pate 71-145, Rogers 69-141 and Wadkins 71-141.

Floyd's failure to qualify, the second time he'd missed the cut in as many starts, was

## U.S. takes winning lead in Davis Cup

PERTH, Western Australia, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — The United States doubles team of John McEnroe and Peter Fleming put their country through to the final of the Davis Cup when they beat Australians Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 8-6 here Saturday.

The Americans led 2-0 after the opening day singles in the best of five semifinal and now meet the winners of the France-New Zealand match.

Meanwhile, New Zealand kept their hopes alive of making it to the final team of Chris Lewis and Russell Simpson beat Yannik Noah and Henri Leconte of France 6-3, 9-7, 6-4 to reduce France's lead to 2-1. The reverse singles will be played Sunday at Aix-en-Provence.

propel the Boston Red Sox to a 3-2 victory over the New York Yankees.

In other National League action, Gary Carter stroked a two-run single with the bases loaded and two out in the 11th inning to help the Montreal Expos to a comeback 8-5 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Terry Leach blanked Philadelphia on only one hit for 10 innings in his first start of the season and Hubie Brooks drove in the game's only run with a sacrifice fly to guide the New York Mets to a 1-0 victory over the Phillies.

## NFL negotiators walk out in a huff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — A resolution of the 11-day old U.S. football strike seemed as far away as ever Friday after negotiations between the striking players and the National Football League owners broke off in a surge of heated tempers.

The players, insisting that they were being degraded and insulted by the owners, announced after four hours that they could go no further and said they would be back Saturday morning. But Jack Donlan, the owners' chief negotiator, said he wasn't sure if he'd be present and said a mediator was the only solution to the impasse.

The four-hour session, only 1 1/2 hours of which was spent in face-to-face negotiations, was devoted chiefly to an issue peripheral to the financial impasse that caused the strike — access by players to their medical records.

But even on that, there was absolutely no agreement, and considerable personal invective. "It's pretty disgusting to sit in a room and be insulted," Gene Upshaw, president of the players' union, said after the session.

Donlan told reporters: "It makes no sense to go through a meeting like we had today." The talks began without Ed Garvey, the executive director of the union. He didn't show up until late in the day and never actually sat down at the table.

The main clash came over the medical records issues rather than the one that caused the strike that has now canceled 28 games over two weekends — the demand by players for wage scale based on a league pool of funds.

## extremely costly, virtually eliminating him from any chance of overskating masters champion Craig Stadler on the money-winning list. Stadler leads by more than \$54,000 and will add to that margin this week. He had a second round 71 and was six strokes off the pace at 136.

Curtis Strange, D.A. Weibring and Keith Fergus shared second at 131, a single stroke back of the leader. Strange and Fergus each shot a second round 66 while Weibring closed up with a 64, his best effort of the year and matching his career best on the PGA tour.

In the relegation playoffs, Argentina were well on the way to a 2-0 lead over West Germany in Buenos Aires. Guillermo Vilas beat Hans-Dieter Beutel 6-4, 6-1, 7-5, and Jose-Luis Clerc was leading Andreas Maurer 6-4, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3, 5-2 when the match was suspended.

The Soviet Union swept to a 2-0 lead over India in Moscow with Konstantin and Alexander Zverev beating Sashi Menon and Vijay Amritraj respectively, and Ilie Nastase had given Romania a 1-0 lead over Mexico beating Francisco Maciel in Mexico City. Caglar Ramirez was scheduled to meet Florin Cărgăreanu, Britain's Andrew Jarrett and Buster Mottram won through their singles encounter against Fernando Lona and Jose Lopez Maeso to put Britain 2-0 up.



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## PEKING'S QUANDARY

Hong Kong is not the Falkland Islands which the Argentines called the Malvinas and the Communist Chinese are not the Argentines for obvious reasons. That is why Mrs. Thatcher's visit to Peking recently has been less than a spectacular success. Hong Kong is Chinese territory leased in Britain under duress during the era of the unequal treaties when the Western colonial powers subjected the Chinese people to unspeakable humiliation.

So it is admitted on all counts that Hong Kong is Chinese and not British but, merely for convenience, a piece of Chinese land under temporary British administration which must be handed back to the Chinese government when the present lease expires in 15 years' time or, as the Chinese government put it, "when the time is ripe."

Instead of keeping quiet about it Mrs. Thatcher went on to say that she was, or her government was, morally responsible for the people of the territory. This statement alone has cut the Chinese to the quick and aroused their dormant nationalism so they came out with strongly worded statements that have already cost the Hong Kong economy dearly. They may well have started the process of decline of one of the most prosperous lands in the world and one of the greatest success stories of all time.

At the same time, the Chinese government has made a grave error of judgment by frightening capital in the colony which is responsible for generating 40 percent of the mainland's foreign exchange income and a more sober reaction to the "moral responsibility" declaration of the British prime minister might have been in order.

It is a difficult question. The mainland is making money out of this capitalist outpost. So is Britain. In fact, both mother country and administrative authority are benefiting from this situation but the mainland stands to lose more if Hong Kong's prosperity should be adversely affected, and it will be if the mainland's ideological concepts are imposed on the territory.

But will the mainland maintain its own brand of communism at home and spare Hong Kong the rigors of regimented economy presenting the world with two kinds of economy in the same country? It is, to say the least, an unenviable quandary for the leaders in Peking.

## Saudi Arabian press review

King Fahd's call for Islamic unity and the speeches delivered by representatives of U.N. member states at the General Assembly were the main topics for editorial comment in Saturday's newspapers.

**Al-Nadwa** highlighted King Fahd's call for Islamic solidarity to deter what it called aggression on the Islamic and Arab nations. The paper said King Fahd's address at an annual ceremony held in honor of heads of pilgrimage missions in Mina had reaffirmed the Kingdom's stand in support of Islamic and Arab causes.

The address also reflected the Kingdom's policy based on an honorable and just peace guaranteeing full Arab rights," it added. The paper described the Saudi monarch's call on the Arab states to adhere to the Islamic faith as an "outlet from their current ordeal."

**Al-Jazirah** said King Fahd's personal concern to develop the holy places at Makkah and Madinah reflected "ambitions of a true Muslim who deeply believes in Islam and is quite aware of his role in the service of Islam and Muslims."

The paper underlined the importance of the Saudi monarch's call on all Muslims to go back to the Quran and the Prophet's teachings. It also noted King Fahd's remarks on the King-

dom's international policy in which he reaffirmed that Saudi Arabia had no commitments with any foreign power at the expense of its Islamic faith.

**Okaz** said the U.N. member states' addresses at the General Assembly Friday demonstrated the international community's concern over the repeated Israeli attempts which aim at escalating tension and aggression in the Middle East region.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has not learned any lesson when the representatives came out of the assembly meeting as soon as his Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir began his address," the paper added. It said the representatives' withdrawal demonstrated the international community's rejection of Israel's aggressive and expansionist policy.

It also reflects a change in the international stand on the Israeli-Arab conflict and the community's awareness of Israeli false claims," the paper wrote.

**Okaz** called on the international community represented by the U.N. to "express its conviction that the Israeli claims are false and adopt a resolution censuring the Zionist entity." The paper urged the U.S. to "revive its confidence in its efforts to realize a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East region." (SPA)

## Will America adopt tough policy with Israel?

By Jim Klarfeld

WASHINGTON —

In the wake of the Palestinian massacre and the Israeli takeover of West Beirut, the Reagan administration has concluded that it must demonstrate to Israel that it cannot continue to defy U.S. policy without paying a substantial price.

Administration foreign policy officials say that President Reagan is prepared to go beyond harsh rhetoric if Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government refuses to cooperate with the multinational force in Beirut or if the Israelis continue to take steps that the U.S. believes run counter to its own interests in the Mideast. Those steps might even include the withholding of economic aid from Israel, foreign policy officials say.

"There is a feeling that Israel must be shown that there is a cost for its policies — how else can we get across to the Begin government and the people of Israel that we are in disagreement with many of the things that they are doing," one State Department official said. "If Begin is not capable of understand-

ing how the United States feels, then maybe the people there must be shown that there is a cost."

But, at the same time, those officials say that the administration does not want to take steps that will increase domestic support for the Begin government at a time when Begin's policies are proving the most controversial. The fear is that if the administration takes steps that the Israeli public perceives as too harsh or potentially dangerous to Israeli security, there might be a reaction to rally around Begin.

Events of the last two months, especially the massacre in two Palestinian camps, have led Secretary of State George Shultz and his aides to conclude that a much tougher policy with Israel is necessary and possible.

One major factor in the new thinking is that the United States has turned out to be correct in warning Israel not to go into West Beirut. The massacre of Palestinians has shown that the Israelis are fallible. U.S. officials are now dealing with Israel from a position of greater confidence in their own judgment.

This is a psychological factor, but once that officials say is important.

Another factor is that the confrontational approach the administration is taking toward Israel has not provoked a firestorm of protest from the U.S. Jewish community. In the past such a confrontation, especially so close to congressional elections, would have been political suicide for an administration. That is not the case this time.

The possible withholding of economic aid — and officials emphasize that this is still only an option — could be particularly damaging to Israel, which had severe economic problems even before the Lebanon campaign began. In June, the Lebanon war has been and will continue to be very expensive for Israel.

The confrontational policy with Israel represents a major shift for the Reagan administration and the U.S. government. While U.S.-Israeli relations have been characterized by sharp and bitter disputes in the past, especially since Begin's election in 1977, the continuation of economic and military aid has been a constant of U.S. policy since the Johnson

administration. Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig argued that a policy of public confrontation would only lead Begin to become more adamant and could even provoke the prime minister into taking steps contrary to U.S. interests. Haig's strategy was to minimize differences with Israel and wait for Begin to pass from the scene.

But now the administration's Mideast experts have concluded that they cannot deal with Begin. Officials will not come out and say that they would rather have a labor government in power than Begin's Likud, because it would rally support behind Begin, the experts believe. It was their hope and expectation that the Labor Party would win the election last year. The Carter administration came to the same conclusion about Begin and was unsuccessful in trying to influence Israeli politics.

"The policy now is to say what we think and do what we think is right," said one senior administration official. "I think we have given up trying to figure out how we can influence Begin. We are going to go down the line and let things sort themselves out."

## Black African states skeptical about Namibia settlement

By Rodney Pinder

HARARE —

While optimistic noises from some Western sources indicate that a settlement of the protracted Namibian (Southwest African) independence dispute may be in sight, black African states are deeply skeptical. The countries forming the so-called frontline around Namibia — Angola, Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Botswana — believe that the fate of 1.4 million Namibians and their mineral-rich sand basin may have become inextricably entangled in superpower rivalry, delaying a final settlement indefinitely.

A Reuters survey shows the six are also fundamentally suspicious of South Africa, which rules the territory in defiance of most of the world. They are all anxious for an early solution to the guerrilla war in the former German colony and the political problems it throws up are constant irritations to young countries struggling with immense problems at home. But they have no confidence that South Africa would willingly do much that would clearly benefit its neighbors.

After Namibia, Africa's last colony, is free, the racial conflict inside South Africa, the last white redbout on the dark continent, will finally take center stage, they say.

The six already accuse South Africa of waging a covert war of destabilization against its neighbors in order to keep them economically dependent and to secure its own long-term future. A friendly Namibia would be of enormous benefit to the stability of black Southern Africa, regional officials assert.

The frontline states, instrumental in achieving independence settlements in Mozambique and Rhodesia, are key elements in a complex negotiating round which began five and a half years ago.

In 1977 a Western contact group, made up of France, West Germany, Britain, Canada and the United States, was formed to promote a settlement. The five regularly meet the frontline and South Africa and leaders of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which has been fighting a guerrilla war against South African forces for 20 years. There is also a lighter circle of negotiations involving the United States — the leader of the five — South Africa, SWAPO and Angola, which provides the guerrillas with their main bases.

At present the frontline appears to be on the sidelines with four of the five waiting for developments to emerge from talks between the United States and Angola on the future of Cuban troops in the former Portuguese colony.

The United States and South Africa have linked the withdrawal of an estimated 18,000 Cubans from Angola with a pullout of South African troops from Namibia to allow the process of ceasefire and independence elections to get going.

The frontline has reacted indignantly, saying the Cuban presence is a matter solely for Cuba and Angola. They reject American and South African arguments that an independent Namibia could be a pawn in a Soviet plan to dominate Africa, saying such cold war terminology distorts, deliberately or from ignorance, the true meaning of African nationalism.

In a speech last October, President Samora Machel of Mozambique, one of Africa's most respected nationalists and a highly influential frontline member, accused the contact group of trying to "perpetuate exploitation and domination in the interests of imperialism and tie the Namibian people to compromises against their interests." He

concluded: "The contact group has already lost contact."

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last month that Zambia could not understand why the five continued talking to South Africa about Namibia while South African troops were attacking Angola. Had it not been for Namibia, relations between Zambia and the five "would have been at their best," he said.

The frontline originated with Presidents Nyerere and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia in the early 1970s when their countries were host to various Southern African liberation movements. Angola and Mozambique became full members on independence in 1975.

The Rhodesian war drew in Seretse Khama of Botswana and when it ended with the independence of Zimbabwe in 1980, Prime Minister Mugabe became the sixth member.

The six are also linchpins of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), a group of nine states pledged to help each other reduce their economic dependence on South Africa. Namibia, with its vast reserves of diamonds, copper, lead, zinc and uranium, has been designated SADCC's prospective 10th member. (R)

## Future of Hong Kong remains uncertain

By Ram Suresh

HONG KONG —

A mist of uncertainty seems likely to hang over the future of Hong Kong for some time following the inconclusive outcome of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to Peking.

The possible prospect of Communist China reclaiming sovereignty in 15 years was enough to induce panic among investors on the colony's always volatile stock market this week and to cause the Hong Kong dollar to plunge. The much-heralded first visit of a British prime minister to China and Hong Kong has done little to clarify the fate of the colony, most of which is due to revert to China at the expiry of a 99-year lease in 1997.

Chinese statements and Mrs. Thatcher's defense of the 19th-century treaties which gave Britain possession of Hong Kong have left a strong impression that the issues are more complicated than perceived earlier and any negotiations will be protracted.

Some quick selling took the stock market index of leading shares below the 1,000 mark — an important psychological level — after Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang spelled out for the first time that China, which does not recognize the treaties, would eventually reclaim sovereignty over the colony.

A senior diplomat told Reuters that the question of Hong Kong's future had always been complex but appeared even more formidable now that the

time had come to face up to the fundamental problems. After Zhao's remark to the press, Mrs. Thatcher and her Chinese hosts issued a joint statement saying they had agreed to open immediate negotiations with the aim of preserving Hong Kong's stability and prosperity.

In Hong Kong, Mrs. Thatcher repeatedly spoke of Britain's commitment and moral obligations to the colony's more than five million people, three million of whom came from Mainland China. She reiterated Britain's stand on the validity of the 1841 and 1860 treaties under which China's then weak Manchu rulers ceded sovereignty over Hong Kong Island and the Kowloon peninsula to Britain "in perpetuity."

But her assurance did not appear to calm local anxieties. The independent *Hong Kong Standard* newspaper put it: "The British position, based firmly on yellowing documents of a bygone era, appears an obstinate — even anachronistic — one."

A diplomat who has spent several years in Peking and Hong Kong said the irony was that most of the Chinese here, while emotionally opposed to what Peking calls the unequal treaties, wanted to continue enjoying their advantages.

Financial analysts said Mrs. Thatcher could at least have told Hong Kong's jittery population that she was encouraged by her Peking talks and that Britain might be prepared to make concessions in the interests of the colony's continued prosperity. The *Standard* newspaper's editorial, under the

headline "United Kingdom preparing for a graceful exit," commented: "One wonders if Mrs. Thatcher is as concerned with holding what she has as with finding a solution which offers everyone a graceful way out."

Diplomatic sources say Britain might be prepared to give up sovereignty over Hong Kong Island and Kowloon as part of an overall settlement allowing continued British administration of the whole colony, including the leased new territories adjoining China. But the big question, according to political analysts, is whether China would allow this.

Well-informed sources said before the Thatcher visit that there could be no half-way house. "We can't have a facade of British administration with China holding real power,"

Hong Kong enjoys international confidence mainly because it is clear who the authority is, the sources added.

Political analysts, noting Thatcher's comment that Britain did not take any revenue from Hong Kong, said countries like the United States and Japan, with big investments in the colony, could also have some impact on the forthcoming Sino-British talks.

China has an economic interest itself in seeing Hong Kong continue to thrive: it earns \$8 billion a year or 40 percent of its foreign exchange through the territory. (R)

Today is Sunday, Oct. 3rd, the 276th day of 1982. There are 89 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1574 — William of Orange raises siege of Leyden.

1763 — Augustus III, elective king of Poland, dies.

1866 — War between Austria and Italy ends by treaty of Vienna.

1904 — Franco-Spanish treaty for preserving independence of Morocco.

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1929 — Name of Serbo-Croat-Slovene Kingdom is changed to Yugoslavia.

1935 — Italian forces invade Ethiopia.

1944 — U.S. troops crack Siegfried line north of Aachen, Germany, in World War II.

1952 — British test their first atomic bomb off Australia coast.

1962 — U.S. ports are closed to all ships carrying cargoes to Cuba.

1966 — British colony of Basutoland becomes new independent African nation of Lesotho.

1969 — First international money other than gold, named Special Drawing Rights (SDR), is created by member nations of International Monetary Fund (IMF).

1973 — Will Stop is replaced by Horst Sander as premier of East Germany, with Stop becoming chairman of council of state.

1975 — U.S. Senate approves bill to lift partially embargo against arms shipments to Turkey.

1981 — Irish nationalists imprisoned by British in Northern Ireland end seven-month hunger strike that resulted in 10 deaths.

Thought for today:

But words once spoken can never be recalled. — Westworth Dillon, English poet (about 1655).

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## Complex insurance scandal

# Confidence in London as financial center at stake

By Peter Knight-Barnard

LONDON (R) — The 300-year-old reputation of Lloyd's of London as the cornerstone of the world insurance industry is under attack in a complex scandal that is fraying nerves on both sides of the Atlantic.

Lloyd's role as the center of the international insurance business and a leader in finance is being called into question after sensational allegations by the U.S. firm of Alexander and Alexander, one of the world's largest insurance brokers.

It said earlier this month that its auditors had uncovered a \$25 million "pretax deficiency" in the assets of the Alexander Howden group, a London firm it acquired for 150 million sterling (\$255 million) this summer.

The New York firm, in a document filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), alleged that as much as \$55 million may have been misappropriated over a period of years.

Howden is one of the world's leading reinsurance brokers and manages the two largest underwriting syndicates at Lloyd's. There are some 21,000 members of Lloyd's, which grew from a daily gathering at a coffee shop in the 17th century and whose syndicates underwrite 20 percent of world shipping insurance.

They must put up their assets — a minimum of 100,000 pounds (\$170,000) is required for full membership — to cover the business underwritten by the syndicates.

If all goes according to plan — and there are no disasters like earthquakes or shipwrecks for which Lloyd's has to pay out

claims — this is a lucrative proposition as the members' assets are invested elsewhere. This allows these wealthy individuals to earn interest, for example on bank deposits, with the money they have put up to back Lloyd's insurance.

However, despite reassuring words from Alexander and Alexander and an injection of funds into Howden subsidiary Sphere Drake, some Lloyd's members have been worried that they might be unable to recover funds from Sphere Drake to help them meet insurance claims because of the "deficiency."

"Lloyd's reputation depends basically on people receiving their claims and, under Lloyd's rules, members are liable down to their last cuff link," one insurance broker said.

What Alexander and Alexander told the SEC, a U.S. regulatory agency, was that Howden, whose books had already been given a clean bill of health by some of London's top financial advisers, had entered into reinsurance transactions with companies that were owned and controlled by four men who were former executives of Howden.

The New York firm has filed suit against them seeking remedies for alleged breach of fiduciary duties and misrepresentations in transactions up until last May.

Apart from the SEC, the investigations involve Britain's department of trade and London's city police fraud squad. The Bank of England and members of parliament have also become embroiled in the affair.

Also named in the suit was Ian Posgate, an underwriter and director of Howden's underwriting subsidiary, who at 51 is one of

Britain's highest paid men. He is called "Goldfinger" in insurance circles for his moneymaking prowess.

On the day the suit was announced, Lloyd's suspended Posgate as underwriter for the two syndicates and called for his suspension as a director and officer of Alexander Howden underwriting.

"The committee of Lloyd's is taking all necessary steps to protect the interest of underwriting members of Lloyd's and emphasizes that all valid claims on policies written at Lloyd's will be paid," Lloyd's said in a statement.

A writ lodged with Britain's High Court against the five men alleges that some of Howden's funds had been channeled into companies secretly owned by them.

The writ alleges that between 1975 and March 1981 about \$6 million was paid into Southern Reinsurance of Liechtenstein and between March 1980 and May 1982 about \$50 million was paid into Southern International Real Estate Corp. of Panama.

It alleged that the four former officers owned Southern International, which it said was not licensed to engage in reinsurance business, and also owned Southern Reinsurance. The four plus Posgate owned interests in another Panamanian company, New Southern Real Estate Co., the writ alleged.

The high court writ also claimed that all five, unknown to other Alexander Howden directors, were members of a syndicate which bought from Howden a controlling interest in Banque Durhone et de la Tamise, a small Swiss bank, with funds provided by New

Southern.

It also alleged the officials were in breach of a settlement agreement calling for the return to Howden of assets, including property in the south of France and valuable paintings.

An Alexander spokesman said last Monday the company was working with its Swiss lawyers to take proper steps for acquiring control of the bank.

Banque Durhone is licensed in Britain as a deposit-taking company and banking sources said the Bank of England, which needs to be kept abreast of any change in control of institutions under its supervision, has been examining the composition and status of its shareholders.

The department of trade said it is appointing two inspectors, an accountant and a barrister, to investigate the affair of the Howden group. The department said it investigates a company when circumstances suggest that acts of fraud or other misconduct may have occurred.

Alexander and Alexander has told the British Insurance Brokers' Association that it will "stand behind the financial integrity of Sphere Drake and the other U.K.-based Howden insurance and insurance broking companies."

In a letter to Trade Secretary Lord Cockfield, Michael McEacher, an opposition labor member of parliament, called for a statutory check on reinsurance business arranged between brokers and their own companies. He said the discoveries had blown a huge hole in the whole framework of insurance protection law.

## Failure of Ariane blow to Europe's aspirations

By Robin McKie

KOURDU, French Guiana (LOS) — The recent failure of the satellite launcher Ariane was a blow to European aspirations of becoming a new space power. The third-stage breakdown of the 150ft rocket resulted in \$35 million of satellite hardware being dumped in the Atlantic, seriously denting the pride and reputation of the 11-nation European Space Agency (ESA).

Agency officials are confident the failure was caused by a minor mechanical fault which will not seriously delay future operations. With \$850 million having already been spent on Ariane's development, far too much is at stake for long delays to be allowed.

Certainly, the fiasco will not affect one of the agency's most important new programs, the building of a second launch pad at its space center in the Amazonian rain forests of French Guiana. The second pad is essential to ESA's plans to take over a third of all the West's satellite launches by 1985. When completed, it will give ESA the ability to launch up to 10 rockets a year.

The site of the space center, near the port of Kourou, is a strange mix of glittering new technology and French colonial elegance set in a primeval jungle.

Only one coastal road exists. Most internal transport is along forest-lined rivers where piranha fish and anacondas flourish and prospectors pan for gold. Local delicacies include wild boar, alligator and prawns cooked in peppers.

It is against this rather outlandish background that the Guiana Space Center (Center Spatial Guyanais — CSG) is being developed in readiness for a major launch program not just of Earth satellites, but eventually of probes to the moon and planets. There was even talk in Kourou, before the Sept. 10 failure, of developing an enhanced version of the rocket so it could carry European astronauts into space.

Support services (including radar and computer networks) have already been built at four sites along the Guiana coast and a control center has been constructed to monitor launches from the pads, which are 10 miles to the northwest of Kourou.

These sites were selected firstly because Guiana is a French overseas department and France has been the main supporter and backer of the Ariane project, and secondly because it is close to the equator, which means far less energy is needed to place satellites into orbit than say from the Kennedy Space Center in the United States.

A thousand technicians and scientists live permanently in Guiana — a significant impact on a tiny agricultural country with a population of only 70,000.

When their work is completed and Ariane has overcome its teething problems, then a rocket will blast off almost every month — a reflection of just how intensely Ariane has been marketed and promoted.

Its launch price of \$22 million to \$25 million has been determined to compete closely with U.S. space shuttle costs.

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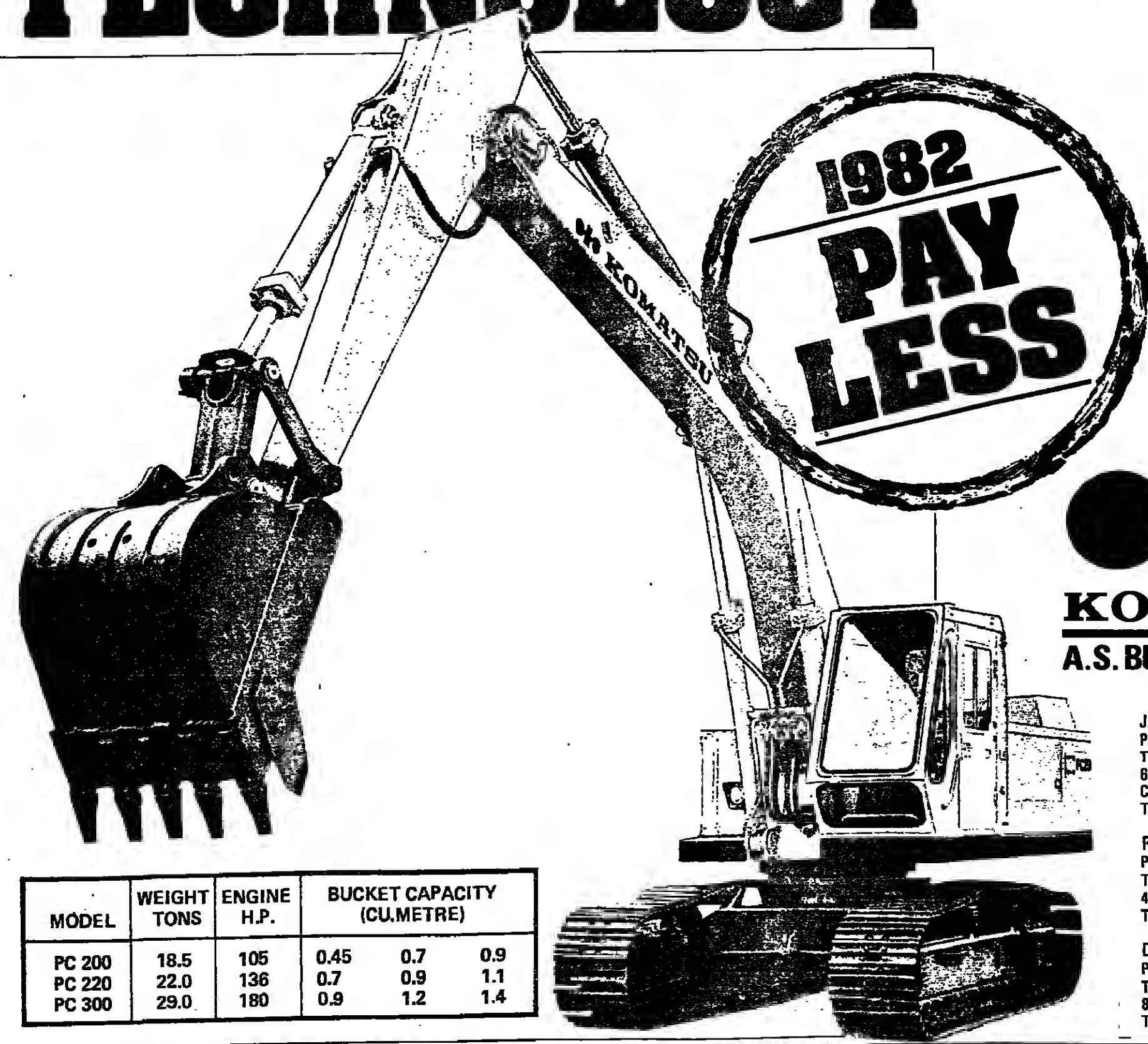
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## For repair of broken ligaments

## New surgical implant looks promising

By Michael Unger

NEW YORK (N) — Michael Buro was 15 when he shattered his left leg in 27 places in a bicycle accident. His lower leg was completely twisted around, his foot facing the opposite direction from his knee. Three years and four operations later, Michael still couldn't run or play football or tennis. He walked with a limp, and had to be extremely careful about climbing steps because he never knew when his knee suddenly might collapse.

Now, after a fifth operation, Buro has regained nearly the full use of his leg — thanks to a new surgical technique that, his doctors say, actually has regenerated ligaments and tendons. The doctors say their results with a surgical implant made out of carbon and plastic are a significant breakthrough in apparently achieving permanent repair of torn, stretched or broken ligaments and tendons. Previous techniques, including a different kind of carbon implant, proved only partially effective. While other experts in the field say the new surgical implant material looks promising, they caution that further study is needed.

That doesn't discourage Buro, who is walking around with more than eight of the implants in his left leg where other repair attempts failed. "Now I can do anything,"

says Buro, a 19-year-old New Jersey engineering student who once again can play tennis and works at a park lifting small boats in and out of the water. "The inside of kneecap was rubbing against bone, the joint was getting too much friction and, once you wear off the protective coating on the bone, that's the beginning of arthritis."

Says Dr. Andrew Weiss, Buro's surgeon who developed the regenerative carbon fiber implant technique, "the potential application of the surgery is quite broad. It may be especially important to athletes... and to victims of crippling injury or illness such as vehicular accidents and arthritis."

With so many Americans now engaged in fitness programs, the increase in exercise-related injuries and the growth of sports medicine has prompted a search for effective new techniques to repair the human body. Because so many injuries involve running, much of the athletically oriented medical interest was focused on the human leg, especially the knee, ankle and foot. The knee is particularly prone to injury and is involved in nearly 50 percent of all leg injuries.

Weiss, chairman of orthopedic surgery at New Jersey Medical School's college hospital in Newark, where he first performed the surgery about a year and a half ago, said the

procedure also can be used to regrow soft tissues in the shoulders, arms and hands, but not for bone, cartilage or muscle tissue. By far the largest group of injuries involves the legs, and hundreds of thousands of Americans yearly injure tendons and ligaments, Weiss said.

"We have a huge number of people in the United States each day getting torn ligaments and tendons," said Dr. Robert Leach, chairman of orthopedic surgery at Boston University Medical Center and president-elect of the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine. "The race is on" to find the best synthetic material for such implant operations, Leach said. The knee area is particularly vital, Leach said, because when something goes wrong "you're talking about permanent disability." Of course polymer-coated carbon implant, Leach said. "It's promising but still very early. Whenever you put anything in tissue, you wonder whether the tissue will accept it. When we were using synthetic material 10 years ago, they were lousy, they just weren't working. I think we can say this material seems to be working out, but you have to be awfully careful not to have unbridled enthusiasm."

And Dr. Lewis Yocum of Los Angeles, who operated on famed ballet dancer Mikhail

Baryshnikov's left knee last March, said of the implant technique, "It's the hottest theory going right now, but added that he was not totally satisfied with it at this time. It is experimental, still being developed."

The plastic-covered carbon filament implants help grow new connective tissue that, its advocates say, is almost identical to the body's own collagen, the protein building block of ligaments and tendons. The implant looks something like a black typewriter ribbon and comprises 10,000 separate carbon filaments — each seven microns in diameter and coated with a specially developed plastic polymer, called polylactic acid.

Dr. Harold Alexander, a biomedical engineer who worked with Weiss and two other doctors to design the device, explained, "what we're doing is regrowing new tissue that acts mechanically the same way that a tendon or ligament would. It's not exactly the same as ligament or tendon tissue, but it's organized very similarly and can take the same stress, the same load. For many the operations attempted to suture the torn ends of ligaments and tendons but they very often failed because of scar tissue was rather weak. With this implant material we have an organized tissue that grows and seems to be able to withstand stresses applied to it."

Alexander and Weiss said the plastic coating is used to prevent fraying of the brittle, hair-like carbon fibers and makes it easier for the surgeon to handle as he weaves it in and around and through the injured tissue to connect and reinforce the damaged sections. The implants, once inserted, act as a scaffold or trellis on and around which new connective tissue grows. The plastic coating is absorbed by the body after about two weeks. It takes nine months to a year for the new ligament of tendon to grow around the implanted fibers, and the new tissue remains permanently reinforced by the fibers. Patients spend an average of six weeks in a cast following surgery, after which a brace is worn for support. Intensive physical therapy is normally required for nine months or more.

Alexander and Weiss said that of about 100 operations using their implant in this country and abroad, so far there has not been a single failure associated with the implant. But it is still too soon to assess the success of the implant procedure. Pending approval by the Food and Drug Administration, which must approve new medical equipment, the implants are not expected to be ready for general use before late next year. The implant has been used experimentally in New Jersey, Texas, California, Chicago, West Germany and Great Britain, where a carbon fiber implant was first developed in Wales in 1978.

Weiss, Alexander and Drs. John Parsons and Irving Strauchler obtained a patent for their carbon-polymer composite implant and assigned it to the New Jersey Medical School. It is being produced by Hexcel Medical of San Francisco.

By Peter J.

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## MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I suffer more than most people from jet lag. It takes away all the fun — and also interferes with business — even on trips of only a few hours. Do you have any suggestions? — Mr. C.

Dear Mr. C.: Here are some tips: before departure try to get one or two nights' good sleep. Do not take tranquilizers on board. Try to time your trip so you arrive close to your normal bedtime. For a few days before your departure and after arrival, take only moderate amounts of food.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Isn't possible for a laboratory to make a mistake? I have received a report of an extremely high triglyceride level. I feel healthy. I can't understand it. I don't drink and keep my weight normal — two factors I understand will help keep triglycerides normal. I've asked my doctor to repeat the test. He said it's silly. Says I'll be spending money needlessly. Do you agree? — Mr. J.

Dear Mr. J.: If I had your doubts, I'd insist on having another checkup — by another laboratory. According to some statistics, at least six billion medical tests are performed every year in the United States. In one case out of seven, the test results are either in error or totally unreliable. So say Drs. Edward R. Pinckney and Cathy Pinckney in their book, *The Encyclopedia of Medical Tests*. If you're still concerned about your triglyceride reading, Mr. J., why not have it checked for peace of mind?

(Tomorrow: Beta-blocker drugs)

## 'VIDEO FOOT'



Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I know of something else besides chronic alcoholism that can break up a family. You'll never guess, so I'll come right out and tell you. My husband and sons have become addicts to playing video games. For example, they'll stand for hours "trying to beat Pac Man." Well, if that's their way of having fun, I'll not spoil it. But when it produces a medical problem, then I think it can't be overlooked.

My husband will stand for hours in front of a video game. He comes home exhausted. Lately, he has been complaining of pain in his feet and in his lower back. I tell him the constant standing does it. He laughs it off. "Then why doesn't Jimmy get it?" he says, overlooking the fact that he's 30 years older than his son. Have you had any similar complaints from your readers. Dr. Steincrohn? — Mrs. A.

Dear Mrs. A.: Yours is the first. And if I hadn't received a News Release from the American Podiatry Association's 70th annual meeting, I might not have had the answer for you.

According to Dr. Jerry D. Brant, second vice president, standing in front of a video game for hours may cost more than a pocketful of quarters. The habit can lead to "video foot" — considerable foot pain and even strain in the lower back.

"It's really a problem for anyone who stands in one place for a period of time with very little movement — fatigue sets in the feet and legs and eventually leads to pain in the lower back area." Factory workers who remain standing for hours may suffer similar symptoms. Perhaps now, Mrs. A., your husband will agree that you haven't been nagging him."

## Another Look

## Professor's first strike by butcher knife proposal

By Robert Yoakum

Readers of this column, an unusually inventive bunch, rush to their quill pens or word processors whenever they see a news item that triggers their fecund imaginations. I wasn't surprised, then, by the deluge of mail that arrived after they read about the proposal of a friend of mine, Roger Fisher, professor of law at Harvard.

Roger, long concerned over the increasing "psychological distance" between those who launch wars and those who are obliterated by them, made what one newspaper called "an unorthodox proposal to slow the hand of any president who might be tempted to unleash a nuclear war in which hundreds of millions of people might be exterminated."

"Fisher's First Strike by Butcher Knife Proposal," as I have decided to call it, would involve putting the codes needed to fire nuclear weapons into a little capsule. The capsule would be implanted next to the heart of a volunteer, who would carry a big butcher knife as he accompanied the president everywhere. If the president ever wanted to fire nuclear weapons, he would first have to kill, with his own hands, that human being.

Everyone liked Roger's idea, but they all had other suggestions for making war less likely, some of which have been put forth before. One idea had been proposed 2,500 years before that the women of the world take a vow not to make love to men as long as men make war.

(In the play *Lysistrata*, by Aristophanes, a female activist by that name persuades the women of Athens and Sparta to end the Peloponnesian War, then in its 21st year, by going on a sex strike. The strike not only ended the war but led to these immortal lines: "Those impossible women! How they do get around us! The poet was right: can't live with them, or without them!")

Others suggested that wars would be more repugnant to those who declare them — the president and Congress in this country — if they had to go first.

(The idea of legislators trudging off to war has always had risible appeal, both here and abroad, and there is little doubt that the conflict in Vietnam, for example, would have ended much earlier had the rice paddy patrols included congressmen. But as a deterrent to nuclear war the idea is useless: There would be no war to go off to; the missiles and fallout come to us, solons and

saloonkeepers alike.)

Less familiar was the point made by some readers that Americans and certain other nationalities seem more moved by the death or abuse of a pet than by the death or abuse of a fellow human. They went on to recommend some rather odd schemes, one of which — just to give you the flavor of these proposals — would involve keeping cats and dogs in ICBM warheads.

(One can't deny that some bawks would be less so if their own Friskies and Fidos were at peril, but it's doubtful that ploys using anonymous pets would strongly tilt the scales toward peace.)

Mutual hostage plans were also popular. Mr. Fred Gofard, of Fargo, N.D., incorporated the aforementioned concern for pet welfare in his hostage plan. He proposed that 50,000 men, women, children, and pets from American cities change places with the same number of M., W., C., and P. from the Soviet Union. "There would be no nuclear exchange then!" Fred wrote.

(Mutual hostage plans have merit, but too long-term scheme for deterrence should bank heavily on pets as hostages. The pace of nuclear proliferation is so swift that soon atomic weapons will be available to countries in which pets are eaten.)

One reader, convinced that humans care for things more than each other, counseled the exchange of revered artifacts. Miss Perdita Plonk believes that the U.S. and USSR "would be far less likely to launch ICBMs at each other if objects like the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, and Elvis Presley's beadedstee were moved to Soviet cities, Lenin's Tomb and other artifacts of Russian veneration would be moved to the U.S."

"The plan could even be expanded," Miss Plonk continued, "to include private objects about which powerful individuals felt strongly — a tycoon's antique automobile collection, for example, or a Politburo member's antique samovar collection."

(An interesting idea. If such mutual hostage exchanges — perhaps of humans, pets, and artifacts — were included in future treaties our planet would become a somewhat safer place.)

All of these suggestions will be forwarded to Professor Fisher at Harvard. Any man ingenious enough to come up with that Presidential First Strike by Butcher Knife Proposal deserves all the help we can give him.

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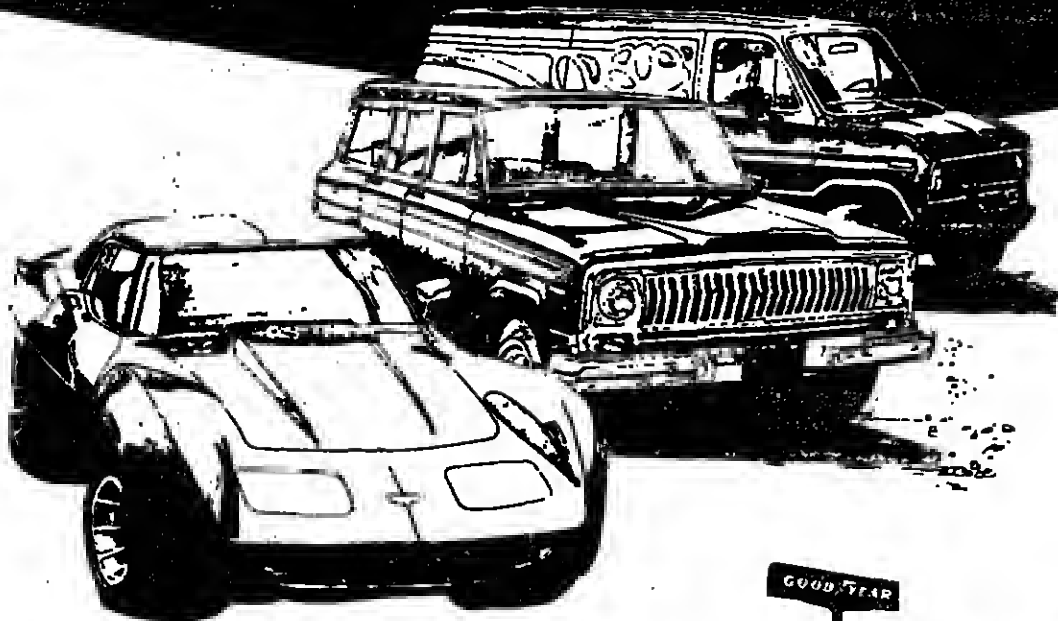
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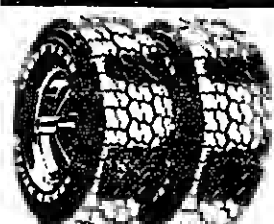
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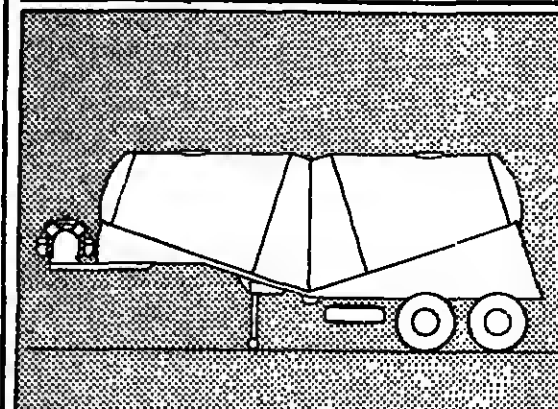
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## Reagan bid to alter statute fails

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — Despite a furious, last-minute White House lobbying campaign, the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives Friday killed a proposed U.S. constitutional amendment sought by President Ronald Reagan that calls for a balanced federal government budget.

The vote was 236 to 187. That meant Reagan and his Republican allies fell 46 votes short of the two-thirds majority required to send the Senate-approved measure to the individual U.S. states for ratification.

The Republican-led Senate had cleared the qualified ban on deficit spending in August, and Reagan had urged the house to act on the measure before the November congressional elections.

Earlier this week, Republican Senators won enough support to force the provision out of a hostile House Judiciary Committee and send it to the floor for a showdown.

House Democratic leaders called Reagan's bluff and hastily arranged Friday's floor vote, and their forces prevailed in the final, climactic roll call after the house disposed of a vaguely worded Democratic alternative that drew little advance support.

Before the final vote, Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, a foe of the proposed amendment championed by Reagan, predicted that 155 Democrats, more than a third of the 435-member house, were prepared to vote against the plan. The Senate already had approved its

version of the amendment, but it is slightly different from the legislation before the house.

Arguing that the constitution should not be tampered with, Democratic leaders said Reagan supported the amendment in a bid to depict members of the Democratic Party as big spenders.

Opening Friday's debate, Democratic representative Frank Bolling said the amendment was an attempt to disguise the failures of Reagan's economic program.

The Democrats said Reagan wanted to

divert attention from the deep recession, nearly 10 percent unemployment, business failures and a record federal budget deficit of some \$109 billion for the fiscal year that ended Thursday night.

If Congress had passed the amendment would still have required approval by legislation in 38 of the 50 states to become part of the constitution. The constitution approved in 1787, has been amended 26 times. The first 10 amendments were ratified in one block in 1791, establishing rights, including free speech, free press and freedom of religion.

## Food link binds the 'Big 2'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — Soviet agricultural difficulties and high U.S. food production are creating an economic link between the two superpowers that could ease international tensions, a private research organization says.

"The United States and the Soviet Union need each other," the Worldwatch Institute says in its new study on U.S.-Soviet agricultural relations.

"The food connection between the two superpowers will not automatically usher in a new period of East-West cooperation and peace," the study acknowledges.

"But if wisely used, it could become the cornerstone on which to build a better relationship." Massive imports may be

economically draining as well as politically embarrassing, but in practical terms the Soviet government has little choice," said the study, authored by Lester Brown.

The fact that America needs the Soviet Union almost as much, the study said, is particularly true now, when the productive capacity of U.S. farms continues to climb while growth in grain markets outside the Soviet Union has slowed because of a sluggish economy worldwide.

The money the Soviet Union needs to meet its grain needs is money that must be diverted from arms buildup, the study says. It said the knowledge that Moscow needs U.S. grain could deter any Soviet nuclear attack that would destroy American grain fields.

## Wall Street

## Economy's downturn jolts mart analysts

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (AP) — If the stock market's late-summer rally was a message of an impending business recovery, the rest of the United States economy does not appear to have received it yet.

After a glance at the latest statistics on U.S. economic activity, many forecasters have pushed back their recovery timetables once again.

On Thursday, for example, the government reported that its index of leading economic indicators dropped 0.9 percent in August, halting a four-month run of increases.

Next Friday, more unpleasant news is expected in the monthly unemployment figures — with some analysts predicting that the jobless rate, now at 9.8 percent, will hit 10.

"It looks increasingly like the economy will remain anemic for some months to come," said the Value Line Investment Survey.

In the meantime, analysts warned, the market faces some potentially tough hurdles in the next few weeks as corporations issue their earnings reports for the third quarter.

When Caterpillar Tractor issued a forecast of large pretax losses for the third and fourth quarters a few days ago, many Wall Streeters saw it as a gloomy portent for the earnings outlook of many companies.

Raymond F. Devoe Jr., an analyst at Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. who declares himself a believer that the summer rally has further to go eventually, confesses to some misgivings about short-term prospects.

"We still expect substantially higher stock prices over the intermediate to longer term," he said. "However, many of the reasons for the market's malaise have not gone away, and actually have worsened since mid-August."

"Interest rates definitely have improved, but partly because the economy is not

behaving the way the econometric models said it should. The recovery is not detectable by normal gauges — and only the stock market seems convinced that there will be a recovery."

Amid signs that some stock traders were feeling a little uncomfortable in that lonely position, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 11.78 to 907.74 in the past week.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index fell .74 to 70.01, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was down 7.52 to 283.12. Big Board Volume averaged 60.18 million shares a day, against 75.49 million the week before.

"The traditional role of the stock market has been to anticipate coming events, and infocasting recovers the record is perfect," Devoe declared. "We have no doubts that the recovery process is under way."

"However, stock markets can also get carried away with their own momentum."

## Sindona bares Vatican's role

ROME, Oct. 2 (R) — The Vatican Bank and the late Roberto Calvi's now-liquidated Banco Ambrosiano joined operations in Latin America in the belief that "economic order" could prevent revolution, jailed Italian financier Sindona said in an interview published Saturday.

Sindona was a financial adviser to the Vatican until the Holy See lost millions of dollars when his Banca Privata Italiana crashed in 1974. He is serving a 25-year sentence in the U.S. for conspiracy and fraud over the 1974 collapse of the Franklin National Bank.

In the interview with the Turin daily *La Stampa*, Sindona said: "We thought that where there was economic order, chaos could be avoided, there would be no room for revolution or subversion...at my invitation Archbishop (Paul) Marcinkus and the Vatican Bank became involved."

## OPEC sales to U.S. dip by 38.3%

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AFP) — Imports from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to the United States dropped by more than a third during the first six months of 1982, the U.S. Energy Department has reported.

Imports from OPEC states fell during the period by 38.3 percent, compared with last year, reaching only 2.137 million barrels a day of which 948 million from Arab states.

For all of 1981, imports from OPEC countries totaled 3.323 mbd, of which 1.848 from Arab countries.

Oil imports from non-OPEC countries on the other hand increased by 1.3 percent during the same period to reach an average 2.646 mbd and 2.672 for all of 1981.

Total U.S. oil imports over the first six months of this year averaged 4.78 mbd, against 6 mbd last year, the Energy Department added.

It also noted that the average price of imported crude was \$33.88 a barrel last June, against \$37.03 a year earlier, or a drop of 1.5 percent.

## EEC may grant funds to Peking

BRUSSELS, Oct. 2 (AFP) — Community China may receive European Economic Community (EEC) development funds next year for the first time, if EEC governments accept a recommendation from the EEC Commission.

In the commission's view, China with a per capita annual revenue of \$260, in 1979 comes into the developing country category and would hence qualify for EEC aid.

The commission has recently defined its development aid policy for some 30 Asian, Latin American and African countries who are not signatories of the Lome Convention.

## Lebanese pound's ascent astounds

BEIRUT, Oct. 2 (AFP) — While Lebanon teeters uncertainly between war and peace, its currency forges ahead on an unprecedented wave of confidence that financiers are finding very difficult to explain. The United States dollar may be advancing to new record heights on the European currency markets, but it has been battered to a 12-month low by the Lebanese pound, which has climbed 25 percent in just a few weeks.

On Friday, after President Amin Gemayel proclaimed the reunification of Beirut, the dollar closed at 4.20 pounds. A little more than a month ago, it was trading at 5.20 pounds, having been in a continuous slide since the civil war erupted in 1975.

The dizzy climb started with the election of Christian Lebanese forces commander

## Dollar storms the exchanges

J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 — The U.S. dollar continues to take the exchange markets by storm with major gains being registered against all the other world currencies. The British pound has now fallen to a six-year low of 1.6908 level, while the ousting of the Schmidt government has caused the German mark to fall to 2.5400 levels from 2.4910 prior to the Hajj holidays.

In the money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates have remained steady with the one-year rate fluctuating by 1-16 percent either way around 11 1/2 percent levels and the one-month at 11 1/2 percent levels the latest U.S. weekly money supply figures showing a \$400 million rise in the M1 aggregates helped to firm Eurodollar rates when a large fall had been expected by the markets.

The bullion markets saw some volatile trading during the past week which at one stage threatened to push gold prices to permanently below the \$400 levels Friday

night in New York gold closed at \$406.50 an ounce while silver stood at \$8.42. On Wednesday prices had dropped to \$396 and \$8.05 an ounce respectively. The outlook is for more falls if the dollar continues to strengthen on the exchanges.

In the local markets, the first trading day after the Hajj holidays saw active dealing in virtually all tenors in the money markets and on the exchanges. Spot rial dollar exchange rates opened at 3.4400 - 05 later fell to 3.4395.05 levels. In the money markets, the week-fixed rial deposit was quoted at 9 1/2 to 10 1/2 percent compared with 11 1/2-11 percent before the Hajj holidays. The one-month JIBOR rate was quoted at 5 1/2-10 1/2 percent.

On the European exchanges, the German mark fell to 2.5350 levels, while the French franc fell to 7.1500 — the lowest yet. The Swiss franc fell in sympathy with the German mark to trade at 2.1810 from 2.1350 pre-Hajj levels while the yen came under increasing pressure at 269.00/270.00 from 263.00 pre-Hajj levels.

## Kenya faces economic crisis

NAIROBI, Oct. 2 (AFP) — Reports of an impending food crisis, persistent cash shortages and business difficulties resulting in the laying off of many industrial workers, as well as aid from the West, have made headlines in the press here over the past week.

The country is thought to have only enough foreign exchange for between two and six weeks, far short of the traditional three months reserves. Last time this level was reached, in June 1980, the country was facing its biggest balance of payments deficit since independence.

The deteriorating economic situation has prompted the government to take urgent steps, especially in the wake of the Aug. 1 failed airforce coup and its warning of bubbling discontent.

President Daniel Arap Moi has cautioned

that the coup attempt has aggravated "an already difficult economic situation" as far as foreign exchange is concerned.

The seriousness of the balance of payments position is acknowledged in the 1982 economic survey, which indicates that the adverse effects of the present crisis will be the chief obstacles to speedier economic growth and development over the next few years.

The problems have been blamed largely on growing fuel imports, which now cost more than the total export earnings from the two main exports, coffee and tea.

To arrest the decline, the government decided to cut the fuel import bill by 10 percent, a move that is bound to affect major sectors of the economy. One area bound to be hit by the move is agriculture, where farmers are already finding it difficult to obtain vital fuel.

The chairman of the National Farmers' Union, I.K. Aradi, says the decision is a serious blow, especially as it comes just before the harvest for many crops. "We appeal for urgent steps to be taken so that farmers obtain adequate fuel supplies for efficient farm operations," Aradi told a press conference at Nairobi's international trade fair this week.

But a more immediate problem for the agricultural sector is the absence of spare parts for farm machinery, which could seriously hamper agricultural activity.

Manufacturers have also been facing problems because of new central bank restrictions on import licenses, which have hindered many companies from importing essential spares and raw materials. For example, a sewing machine, which only recently cost \$300 now sells for \$1,300.

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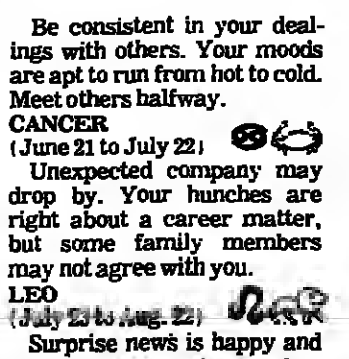
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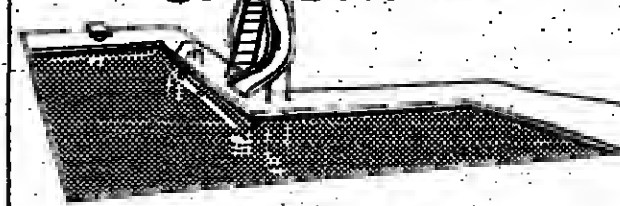
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**Toll rises to 7**

## America hunts man in 'cyanide pill' case

CHICAGO, Oct. 2 (AFP) — The death toll from headache capsules spiked with cyanide rose to seven Friday night, when a 35-year-old air hostess was found dead in her Chicago flat. All the victims had taken a capsule of tylenol extra-strength — a widely sold non-aspirin painkiller.

## Italy gunmen given chance

ROME, Oct. 2 (AFP) — The Italian government has decided to extend by four months its deadline for repatriating terrorists to collaborate with police in exchange for substantial reductions in sentences.

The decision taken by a cabinet meeting Friday night was justified by the fact that when the original deadline ended at midnight Friday very few terrorists had taken up the "chance" offered them last May 29.

Two repentant members of the Red Brigades who had been sought for 10 years turned up on Wednesday and Thursday at the Italian border. But all in all the so-called "campaign of repentance" this summer was ineffective in comparison with the hundreds of defections recorded at the beginning of this year from the Red Brigades and Prima Linea groups.

Last January, Antonio Savasta, one of the men who kidnapped U.S. Gen. James Dornier, helped the police to make more than 200 arrests. One magistrate established that out of 361 persons accused in four major terrorism trials, 186 had collaborated with police and many more had publicly disavowed their past actions.

The failure of terrorists to accept the government's latest offer is being blamed on pressures exerted from inside prisons by the hard line cores of the terrorist groups. Consequently, a report from magistrates to the government has called on the authorities to use the extra four months to tighten prison conditions in order to ensure the safety of the repentant inmates.

## 210 Mozambicans 'killed'

LISBON, Oct. 2 (AFP) — Guerrilla forces of Mozambique's rebel National Resistance Movement (MNR) killed 210 government soldiers in operations in July and August, a spokesman for the MNR said here Saturday. He said that the rebels carried out over 100 attacks on strategic points such as bridges and railway lines over the period.

Mozambique's second city, the Indian Ocean port of Beira, lost its power supplies after an MNR operation against high tension lines leading from the Cabora Bassa and Revue dams, the spokesman added.

The poisoned capsules came from three separate consignments of several hundred thousand bottles distributed in 15 states. But so far there have been no incidents outside the Chicago area. The manufacturers, the multinational Johnson and Johnson, have offered a \$100,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for contaminating the capsules.

Police believe the poison was put in the capsules after they reached retailers as tampering with the factory packaging would be easily spotted by chemists.

Federal and state police believe they are looking for a psychopath with a grudge. Anyone previously convicted of poisoning is being routinely investigated and police have appealed to psychologists to help draw up an identikit of the kind of person likely to be responsible.

## House meets in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Oct. 2 (AFP) — The Bolivian Parliament, elected in 1980 but prevented from sitting by a military coup d'etat, met here Friday for the first time. In a return to democracy after almost uninterrupted military rule for the past 18 years, the parliament will next week elect Bolivia's new civilian president — probably moderate leftist Hernando Siles Zuazo, who won a plurality in the 1980 elections and who is still in exile in Peru.

Gen. Guido Vildoso, the current Bolivian head of state and commander in chief, told newsmen Friday that the armed forces were unanimous in supporting a return to civilian rule and that the troops would return to their barracks.

Bolivians have gone to the polls three times since 1978, but the results of the general elections have been quashed on each occasion by military coups.

## Soviet pilot freed

LUXEMBOURG, Oct. 2 (AFP) — The pilot of the Soviet Ilyushin passenger liner that crashed here Wednesday was released from prison after promising to cooperate in the investigation of the accident. His earlier refusal to do so had led to his imprisonment.

Guards were removed around the hospital room of the co-pilot, who had also refused to testify and was put under police guard. He too changed his mind.

In the crash of the Ilyushin-12 jet on its way from Moscow to Lima with 66 passengers and a crew of 11 aboard, six persons were killed and many of the survivors seriously injured.



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## European tour continues

## Dalai Lama may seek aid from France

PARIS, Oct. 2 (AFP) — On Monday for the first time, France will play host to the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan nation's "spiritual and temporal" leader and the former ruler of the remote mountain state now occupied by Communist China.

The Dalai Lama, who has been living in exile in India since 1959, will stay eleven days in France as part of a European tour which has already taken him to Italy and Spain and which will take him on to West Germany. To all these countries, the Dalai Lama wants to be regarded as a "pilgrim of peaceful coexistence", his aides said.

He raised this theme in an interview in Rome, where he had a brief meeting with the pope, saying he hoped that Chinese-Soviet relations would improve. He also placed emphasis on peaceful coexistence during recent visits to Moscow and the United States.

## 10 N. Korea generals purged

PEKING, Oct. 2 (AFP) — The leadership of the nearly 50,000-strong North Korean Army was purged early this year, coinciding with rumors that several senior North Korean officers had defected to Communist China, informed sources said Saturday.

The sources, who have been closely watching events in North Korea, said that some 10 generals had been removed for unknown reasons at a time when North Korean President Kim Il Sung's bid to make his son his successor-designated, Kim Jong Il, as one of the state vice presidents was disowned by the Pyongyang Communist regime.

Rumors have been circulating for some time that some senior North Korean officers had defected to China this year. Although the rumors could not be confirmed, they are believed to be true by certain Western diplomats who speculate that the defections may be a result of the purge.

During President Kim's recent visit to China, Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang caused a sensation here by disclosing that he had accompanied China's strongman Deng Xiaoping on a secret trip to North Korea in April.

Western diplomatic circles here generally

On his arrival in France, the Dalai Lama will be welcomed only by representatives of the Tibetan community and religious personalities. No political contacts are planned.

While in France, the Dalai Lama is expected to raise the hitherto "taboo" subjects of aid to Tibetan exiles — 80,000 are in India — the survival of Tibetan culture, and the 17 years of silence by the United Nations over Tibet's fate.

Three times in 1959, 1961 and 1965, the U.N. General Assembly condemned "human rights violations" in Tibet following its occupation by Chinese troops. France, which supported the first two condemnations, abstained the third time — a year after it established diplomatic relations with Peking.

The Dalai Lama's visit to France is described in government circles here as having "no political significance", although the

French Socialist Party was in 1959 among the strongest supporters of the Tibetan cause.

In a recent article the Dalai Lama noted that it would be "wise to initiate a dialogue between Communism and Buddhism" but in another statement he remarked bitterly that "more than a quarter of mankind, for the most part Buddhists, is now ruled by Marxist ideology".

Despite recent visits to the United States, the Soviet Union and Mongolia, the Dalai Lama has refused repeated invitations from China. In the Dalai Lama's view the present Chinese autonomous region of Tibet is only part of historical Tibet. This, he says, includes portions of Chinese territory in Sichuan, Gansu, Shanxi, Ningxia provinces as well as part of Inner Mongolia.

This territory, nearly six times the size of France, is home to some six million Tibetan Buddhists. While in France, the Dalai Lama would not be acting as the head of a theocratic state but rather as the champion of a "new alliance" of humanism, religion and social justice, Tibetan sources said.

## Haughey faces party challenge

DUBLIN, Oct. 2 (AFP) — Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey was Friday challenged from within his own Fianna Fail Party, when members submitted a motion to defy his authority, a reliable source said here. The motion, used for the first time in Ireland, would be debated at a meeting of Fianna Fail members of parliament Wednesday, the source said.

It was submitted by a group dissatisfied with Haughey's economic policies. If the motion is passed, Haughey, who took office after borderline February general elections, will be forced to step down as party leader and consequently as prime minister.

Fianna Fail would then name a new leader, but the nominee would require the approval of parliament — where the party does not have an absolute majority. The Irish government is faced with 13 percent unemployment, 17 percent inflation and a budget deficit expected to run 30 percent over the forecast.

## Peking navy commander replaced

PEKING, Oct. 2 (RI) — Communist China's navy commander, Ye Fei, was relieved of his post last month, Western diplomatic sources said Saturday. They said Ye, 68, was replaced by Liu Huaqing, until then a deputy chief of staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), of which the navy is a part.

The sources said it was not clear why Ye had been removed although he was known to have been in poor health. It is the second known major change in the Chinese military leadership since last month's 12th Communist Party congress, which gave full support to the pragmatic reformist policies of elder statesman Deng Xiaoping.

The New China News Agency last week disclosed that Gen. Yu Jiuli had replaced Gen. Wei Guoqing as the PLA's chief political commissar. Western diplomatic sources cautioned against interpreting the changes as being primarily aimed at

wakening leftist influence in the armed forces.

Deng Xiaoping, who chairs the Communist Party's key military commission, has met resistance from old military men to his efforts to modernize the four-million-strong PLA and get elderly officers to step down. China's defense minister, Geng Biao, lost his seat on the party's Politburo and central committee last month and diplomatic sources expect a new minister to be named by China's National People's Congress in mid-November.

The sources said the new navy chief, who is also a former vice minister for science and technology, was more powerful militarily and politically than his predecessor. One source said: "I think it steps the navy up in the political hierarchy." The Chinese Navy, smallest of the PLA's three operational arms with an estimated 360,000 men, is essentially a coastal defense force.

## Extortionist puts bombs at U.S. plant

BAYTOWN, Texas, Oct. 2 (AP) — Authorities searched a Gulf Oil Chemicals Co. petrochemical plant for more bombs Friday, a day after experts found five bombs believed planted by an extortionist and detonated one harmlessly.

"We see a very minimal risk of explosion at this point," Gulf spokesman O. Keith Owen III said. He added some volatile products had been burned off. "All of this makes the plant as safe as possible," he said.

Gulf and FBI officials refused to comment on news reports that a letter had said 10 bombs would be set off unless \$15 million was paid by about noon Sunday.

A U.S. government investigator's source in Washington, who declined to be identified, said the demand appeared to be aimed solely for profit. "Initially we thought it might be political terrorism, but it now looks like criminal extortion," the source said.

The company received the bomb threat Tuesday afternoon and finished its shutdown Thursday. Chemicals were drained from the plant to reduce the danger.

The facility, 48 kilometers east of Houston, makes highly volatile petrochemicals used in the manufacture of plastics, anti-freeze, cosmetics, detergents and synthetic fabrics.

## Taiwan target for missile attracts notice

PEKING, Oct. 2 (AFP) — Mystery surrounded Communist China's announcement that it would shortly launch a missile at a target north of Taiwan, over which Peking claims sovereignty.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) said Friday that a missile would be launched between Oct. 7 and 26 at a naval zone some 100 kilometers east of the Zhejiang coast, and 300 kilometers north of Taiwan. NCNA gave no specific details on the launching site, nor on the type of missile involved, asking only that foreign planes and ships should steer clear of the area during the period.

Obviously, "the newest and most interesting point is the target and its proximity to Taiwan", a Western specialist said here Saturday, declining further comment. Foreign experts think the test may involve an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM). From its probable launch site of Lob Nor, in northwestern China, the missile would travel some 3,600 kilometers putting it in an IRBM range, one diplomat added.

China successfully test-launched an intermediate-range ballistic missile (ICBM) in May 1980, which hit a south Pacific target some 10,000 kilometers from the assumed launch site in Lob Nor. The ICBM, with a maximum range of 13,000 kilometers, is being deployed on Chinese soil, the experts said. They added that IRBM had already been test-launched several times and was chiefly deployed near the Chinese borders.

One expert discounted the theory that the launching could involve a longer range missile. The expert thought the upcoming test most probably involved a new missile with an untested guided system, a theory supported by a Western scientist, who recalled that in May 1980 the second ICBM missed its target due to a deficient guided system.

## Khmers attack Viet army units

BANGKOK, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — Khmer Rouge guerrillas Friday night attacked Vietnamese Army units in western Cambodia near the Thai border, melting away after a fierce 90-minute firefight, Thai military sources at the border said Saturday.

Thai Army officers said the fighting broke out one kilometer south of the Cambodian border town of Poipet, just across the frontier from the Thai town of Aranyaprathet. About 20 artillery and mortar shells landed in Thai territory, but there were no casualties on the Thai side.

According to border sources, the Vietnamese moved in about 700 extra troops to the area Sept. 17 and 18, with six artillery pieces supplied by the Russians. Thai military sources have reported a buildup in western Cambodia by the Vietnamese Army, reckoned to be 150,000 to 200,000-strong in Cambodia, in preparation for a possible dry season offensive against resistance groups based near the Thai border.

Meanwhile, the Vietnam-backed Heng Samrin government in Kampuchea said the ousted Khmer Rouge regime had jailed, tortured and murdered 110 foreigners at a Phnom Penh prison while it was in power. The Vietnam News Agency, monitored here, said the Heng Samrin administration announced in Phnom Penh Friday that only 85 of the foreigners killed by the Khmer Rouge had been identified so far. They included five Americans and three Frenchmen.



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